



MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks and Recreation Board

FROM: Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

DATE: December 7, 1995

SUBJECT: Interlocal Agreement with Austin Independent School District
For Playscape at Allison School

The City of Austin and the Austin Independent School district (AISD) are proposing a joint project to redevelop a playscape to serve Allison School students and patrons of Civitan Park. A number of community entities have also committed resources.

The playscape is situated on AISD property adjacent to Civitan Park. The City, with Parks and Recreation as the administrator, will purchase new equipment in an amount not to exceed \$48,000. Available funds are from interest in the Capital Improvements program.

Design, site preparation, and installation shall be provided by other entities, and maintenance for at least the first ten (10) years will be the responsibility of AISD. While school is in session, AISD shall have reserved use of the playscape for Allison students. At all other times, the public will have access. Completion is anticipated by August of 1996.

A copy of the proposed Interlocal Agreement with AISD and supporting documentation of a map, budget, and timeline are attached.

I request your positive recommendation to City Council.


Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

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R E S O L U T I O N

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Manager or his designee be authorized to execute an agreement with the Austin Independent School district for playscape improvements to serve Allison Elementary School students and Civitan Park patrons.

ADOPTED: _____, 1995 ATTEST: _____
James E. Aldridge
City Clerk

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**FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT AND USE AGREEMENT
FOR ALLISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND CIVITAN PARK
BETWEEN THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND
AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

RECITALS.

The City of Austin and Austin Independent School District desire the redevelopment of a playscape to serve students at Allison Elementary School and patrons of Civitan Park.

Private entities have committed to providing funds and volunteer labor to further assist the City and the School District in redeveloping the playscape and making further improvements.

The City and the School District have previously formalized an agreement that encourages joint planning and development of school-park areas.

TERMS:

1. The City of Austin (City) and Austin Independent School District (AISD) are the parties to this agreement. The parties acknowledge that private entities have committed funds and resources to the redevelopment of the playscape. Accordingly, the responsibilities set out for each of the parties are not intended to result in a complete undertaking, but are agreed to in reliance of the funds and resources to be provided by nonparties.
2. The playscape to be redeveloped is currently situated on AISD property (Allison Elementary School) bordering City parkland (Civitan Park), more particularly shown on Exhibit "A." All improvements to be made under this agreement shall be kept on AISD property shown on Exhibit "A."
3. The parties anticipate that the design of the playscape improvements shall be provided by private entities to the parties, free of charge. AISD agrees to review and approve the design to ensure conformance to the applicable provisions of the Handbook for Public Playground Safety, 1994, published by the United States Consumer Safety Commission. The City agrees to provide review assistance.
4. The City agrees to remove the existing playscape equipment. In the event that removal is undertaken by private entities, the City agrees to reallocate funds originally budgeted for removal expenses to the purchase of equipment or materials.

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5. Upon receipt of an approved design, and subject to the reallocation of funds as provided for in Section 4., the City agrees to procure playscape equipment/materials meeting design specifications to the full extent of available funds; such obligation, however, not to exceed \$48,000. The procurement of such equipment/materials shall be undertaken in compliance with the City's purchasing policies and with applicable state laws and city ordinances. The City assumes no liability for claims or personal injuries concerning the playscape except for such claims or injuries shown to have been caused by the acts or omissions of its employees or agents.
 6. AISD shall oversee and assume responsibility for the preparation of the site and the installation of the equipment. The City agrees to furnish the services of advisory personnel.
 7. Upon completion of the improvements, AISD shall inspect the improvements for ownership and maintenance. Upon acceptance of the improvements by AISD, all equipment and materials warranties shall transfer to AISD. AISD shall maintain and repair the playscape for at least the minimum ten-year period set out in paragraph 8. AISD assumes no liability in connection with the use of the playscape other than liability which may be imposed by law existing as of the date of this Agreement. AISD shall have the right to make alterations to the playscape if required to meet educational or other requirements. In all instances, AISD shall endeavor to substantially retain the full use and benefit of the playscape improvements. AISD shall notify the City of any intended alterations.
 8. The parties agree that while school is in session, AISD shall have a reserved use of the playscape for students at Allison Elementary School and for school-associated programs. At all other times during which Civitan Park is open, the public shall have access to a free use of the playscape. The public's right to use of the playscape shall be for a period of not less than ten (10) years and shall be in effect while the improvements are available for use.
 9. The parties acknowledge that finalized plans and schedules have not been adopted. The parties agree to adopt the attached Budget (Exhibit "B") and Schedule of Construction (Exhibit "C") to guide the parties until such plans are finalized and accepted.
 10. This Agreement confers no third-party beneficiary rights.
 11. The Parks and Recreation Department shall administer this Agreement on behalf of the City. The Construction Management Office of AISD shall administer this Agreement on behalf of AISD.

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The effective date of this Agreement shall be _____, 1995.

CITY OF AUSTIN:

By: _____

Title: _____

AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

By: _____

Title: _____

SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

EXHIBIT "A"

CIVITAN PARK

PROPERTY LINE

PLAYGND.

ALLISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

VARGAS ROAD

PONCA STREET

12345 23456
VARGAS STREET

FILE 101 QMC

101
ALLISON ELEMENTARY
315 Vargas Rd
AUSTIN TEXAS

AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
1111 West Sixth Street
Austin, Texas

DATE 07-21-85

EXHIBIT "B"

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CIVITAN PARK/ALLISON SCHOOL BUDGET

Allison Playground Committee:

Design \$ 4,800.00

Demolition 3,000.00

Site Preparation 4,000.00

Installation 20,000.00

Surfacing 3,000.00

34,800

City of Austin:

Equipment 48,000.00

Total \$ 82,800.00

EXHIBIT "C"

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CIVITAN PARK/ALLISON SCHOOL RENOVATION SCHEDULE

Completion date	Task
February 15, 1996	Design completion Finish construction plans
May 31, 1996	Order, procure and deliver equipment Demolition of old equipment Site preparation
July 31, 1996	Construction Installation of new equipment
August 1, 1996	Dedication ceremony

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CITY COUNCIL OFFICE

August 28, 1995

The Allison/Civitan Steering Committee
C/O Ms. Lidia Agraz
Director of Public Affairs
Austin CableVision
12012 N. MoPac Expwy.
Austin, TX 78758

Dear Committee members,

The Austin Parks Foundation is pleased to inform you about our decision on your request for a grant for the proposed Allison/Civitan Park Project.

The APF Board has unanimously voted, at the recommendation of the APF Allison School Park Committee (ASPC), to award the Allison/Civitan Project an immediate grant of \$10,000, with an offer of an additional \$20,000 as a matching challenge grant. The following are the details of the committee's recommendations:

1. The Austin Parks Foundation will make an immediate award of \$10,000 to the Allison Steering Committee (ASC) for their proposed Allison/Civitan Project.
2. The APF has also set up a challenge grant of \$20,000, whereby it will match any funds raised by the ASC, from August 24, 1995 onward, to a maximum of \$20,000. This additional grant will be available to the Steering Committee, and will show up on the Allison project account, as a match to any deposits by the Allison Steering Committee, into the Allison Project Fund.
3. The Austin Parks Foundation will serve as the Fiscal Manager for the Allison Park project and will set up an Allison Project Fund, as part of this agreement.
4. The ASPC has also recommended that the APF set up a Design Committee, to finalize the Allison Park Master Plan. Paula Fracasso, Executive Director, APF, would be pleased to represent the Foundation on this Committee. The Design Committee will act as a liaison between the Austin Parks Foundation and the Allison Steering Committee, and is required to present to the APF Board regular progress reports on the park development process.

The APF Board looks forward to a fruitful partnership with the Allison Steering Committee, and to meeting the committee members in the near future.

Sincerely,

Beverly Griffith
Beverly Griffith

President, Austin Parks Foundation

Cliff Price, M.D.
Cliff Price
Chair, APF Allison School
Park Committee.

702 San Antonio Street, Suite 303 • Austin, TX 78701 • Tel (512) 477-1566



MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks and Recreation Board

FROM: Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

DATE: December 6, 1995

SUBJECT: Construction of single slip boat dock at 1504 Rockcliff Road
File # SP-95-0433DS

A request has been received from Signor Enterprises Inc., on behalf of Mary Evans, to construct a covered single-slip boat dock at 1504 Rockcliff Road and approval of a variance from the provisions of Sec. 13-2-795(2) of the Land Development Code, prohibiting development within 10' of the side property line.

The dock is proposed to be located 4' from the adjacent side property line. A letter from the adjacent neighbor, H.B. Laudan, is attached which states no objection to the proposed dock being located within the 10' setback.

This lot was platted and recorded on June 7, 1952, and is therefore exempt from the requirements of Section 13-2-795(3) of the Land Development Code limiting development to to a maximum of 20% of the length of the shoreline.

Parks and Recreation Department staff have reviewed the project and the site plans meet the requirements of Article VI, Division 4, Part E (Requirements for the Construction Of Boat Docks) of the Land Development Code (including all amendments), with the exception of a navigation light station not being provided.

Recommendation

I recommend approval of the request:

1. To construct a covered single-slip boat dock at 1504 Rockcliff Road,

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Boat dock, 1504 Rockcliff Road
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2. To grant a variance from the provisions of Sec. 13-2-795(2) of the Land Developemnt Code, prohibiting development within 10' of the side property line,

in accordance with Site Plan # SP-95-0433DS. This approval is subject to the following:

1. A navigation light station being provided on the outermost, upstream corner of structure in accordance with Section 13-2-793 of the Land Development Code.

If I can provide you with any additional information, let me know.



Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

MH:PM

TO: COMMENT DUE DATE: 13-NOV-1995
FROM: SITE PLAN REVIEW DIVISION/PLANNING DEPT
SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENT PERMIT ONLY SP-95-0433DS

PROJECT: EVANS BOAT DOCK

1504 ROCKCLIFF RD

CASE MANAGER: PASQUARELLA, BRETT 499-2636

APPLICATION DATE: 6-NOV-1995

ZIP: 78746 FULL PURPOSE
WATERSHED: Lake Austin RURAL WATER SUPPLY

OWNER: EVANS, MARY M. (512)328-2803
1504 ROCKCLIFF ROAD AUSTIN, TX 78746

CONTACT: MARY EVANS

AGENT: SIGNOR ENTERPRISES, INC. (512)327-6064
5523 W. BEE CAVES ROAD K-5 AUSTIN, TX 78746
CONTACT: LEE F. SIGNOR

SITE PLAN AREA: 0.011 ACRES (499 SQ FT)
UTILITY OR STORM SEWER LENGTH: 0 LINEAR FEET

EXISTING ZONING: SF
EXISTING USE: BOATDOCK

TRACT	ACRES/SQ FT	PROPOSED USE
	0.011/ 499	BOAT DOCK

RELATED CASE NUMBERS (IF ANY):

OTHER PROVISIONS:
QUALIFIES AS A SMALL PROJECT
TIA IS NOT REQUIRED
FEE RECEIPT #: 1718142

SUBD NAME: EVANS BOAT DOCK
BLOCK/LOT:
PLAT BOOK/PAGE:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
1.2 ACRES OF LAND OUT OF THE WM. BROWN ABSTRACT 72

PARCEL #:

June 6, 1995

Parks and Recreation Department
City of Austin
1500 West Riverside
Austin, Tx 78704

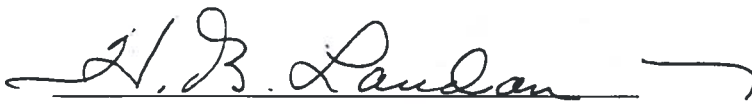
Re: Planned boat dock, 1.2 acres out of Wm Brown Abst 72, , Survey 1

Gentlemen:

As owner of 1.2 acres out of Wm. Brown Abst. 72, Survey 1, I am writing this letter in compliance with Parks and Recreation Department regulations regarding a requested boat dock building permit submitted by the owners of 1.2 acres out of Wm. Brown Abst 72, Survey 1. (Owner- Glenn & Mary Evans).

Please be informed that I do not object to the issuance of the requested permit based upon the structure supporting the cover of the dock being less than 10' from the western property line of my lot.

Thank you,


Owner

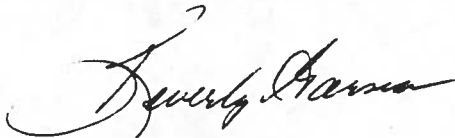
Date: November 3, 1995
To: Director Parks and Recreation Department
From: Signor Enterprises Inc.
Subject: Dock permit, legal address: 1.2 Acres out of Wm Brown Abstract 72, Survey 1

We are requesting approval of our residential boat dock plans at 1504 Rockcliff Road for construction in December 1995.

The slips are to be built from steel pilings.

This additional construction should not adversely affect any shoreline erosion, drainage, or other environmental concerns.

Thank you for your consideration.



Beverly Garman



MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks and Recreation Board

FROM: Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

DATE: December 6, 1995

SUBJECT: Yett Creek Park - Sanitary Sewer Use Agreement

Gray Engineering Inc., on behalf of Blue Star Austin Land L.P., is requesting approval of a use agreement to construct a 15" diameter gravity wastewater main through part of Yett Creek Park.

This sewer line will provide gravity sewer service to a new development, Riata, located to the west of the park. The proposed sewer line will run along the northwestern side of the park, to connect into an existing City Wastewater Interceptor that is located along the northern boundary of the park.

Yett Creek Park is located in northwest Austin and is, at present, undeveloped. Any future development is likely to be limited to trails, picnic areas, etc. It was acquired jointly with the City's Stormwater Management and is to be used as a park and regional storm water detention facility.

The City of Austin's Water and Wastewater Utility has agreed to accept responsibility for the sewer line after construction is completed (see attached letter signed by the Utility).

An information packet from Gray Engineering gives more details of the project and includes metes and bounds field notes and sketch.

The construction of the sewer line will remove nine existing trees. A formal tree evaluation and replacement plan has not been carried out; however, from the trees shown on the site plan it is estimated that 426 equivalent square inches need to be replaced.

Restoration of the sewer line should include the construction of an 8' wide granite gravel trail along the length of the sewer line to connect to the public entrance to the park at West Cow Path.

Recommendation

I recommend approval of the request for:

1. 0.562 ac. permanent wastewater use agreement, approximately 637' long and average 40' wide, through part of Yett Creek Park.

The above use agreement is subject to the following conditions:

1. Restoration and revegetation shall be in accordance with the "Restoration Plan" included in the information packet submitted by Gray Engineering Inc., and shall include 426 square inch equivalent tree replacement.
2. Restoration of the sewer line should include the construction of an 8' wide granite gravel trail along the length of the sewer line to connect to the public entrance to the park at West Cow Path.
3. Construction, restoration and revegetation shall be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the "Construction in Parks Specifications", adopted by the Board, April 25, 1990.
4. All restoration and revegetation shall be completed to the requirements and satisfaction of the Parks and Recreation Department.
5. The project drawings shall indicate all approved use agreements within the parkland. The Director of the Parks and Recreation Department shall approve and "sign-off" on the drawings after all use agreements have been approved and granted.

If I can provide you with any additional information, please let me know.



Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

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GRAY ENGINEERING, INC.

November 9, 1995

Mr. Michael J. Heitz, Director
Parks and Recreation Department
City of Austin
P. O. Box 1088
Austin, TX 78767-8839

**Re: Wastewater Easement from the City of Austin
to the City of Austin
GEI No. 1242-7276-55**

Dear Mr. Heitz:

Please find attached a location map, a site plan showing the easement, and a metes and bounds description and Survey Sketch for a 0.562 acre Wastewater Easement to be granted to the City of Austin.

This easement is on a 40.52 acre tract of land owned by the City of Austin per deed recorded in Volume 10924, Page 390 of the Deed Records of Travis County, Texas. Said 40.52 acre tract of land is shown as Parcel No. 02-6603-02-10 on Tax Map 2-6603 of the Travis Central Appraisal District Tax Maps.

This easement has been requested by Don Solberg, Water and Wastewater Engineering, City of Austin, (phone no. 322-2878) and will be utilized to contain a wastewater line that will connect proposed wastewater lines at Riata (City of Austin Case No. C8-94-0274.1A) to an existing wastewater line in Milwood, Section 20. The location for the Riata connection was specified in the City of Austin's approved Service Extension Request 1503. An existing 15 foot wastewater easement cannot be utilized because an existing line occupies the easement.

Please advise me of the results of your review. If you should have any further questions or concerns in this matter or require additional information, please contact me at 452-0371.

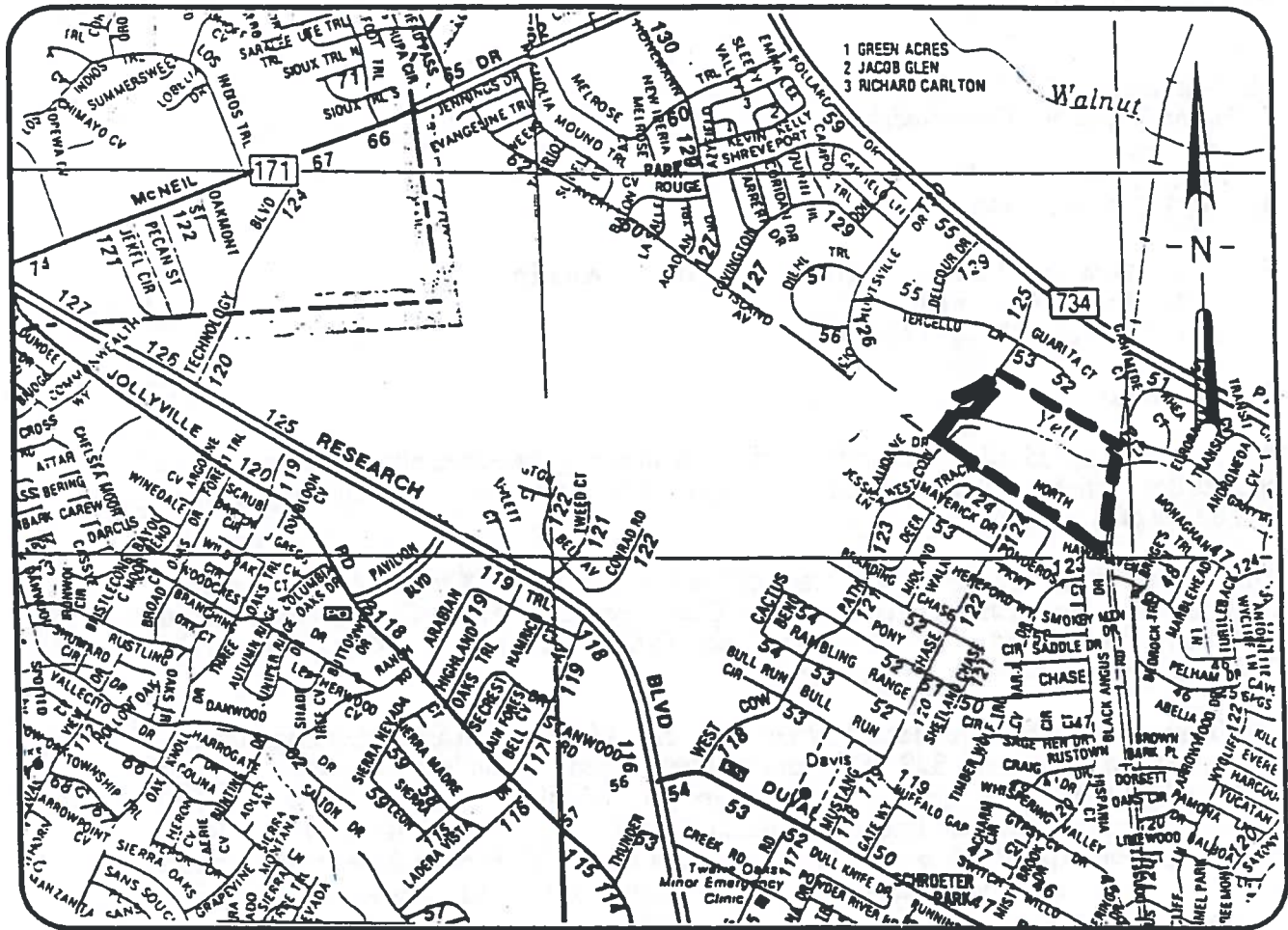
Sincerely,

GRAY ENGINEERING, INC.

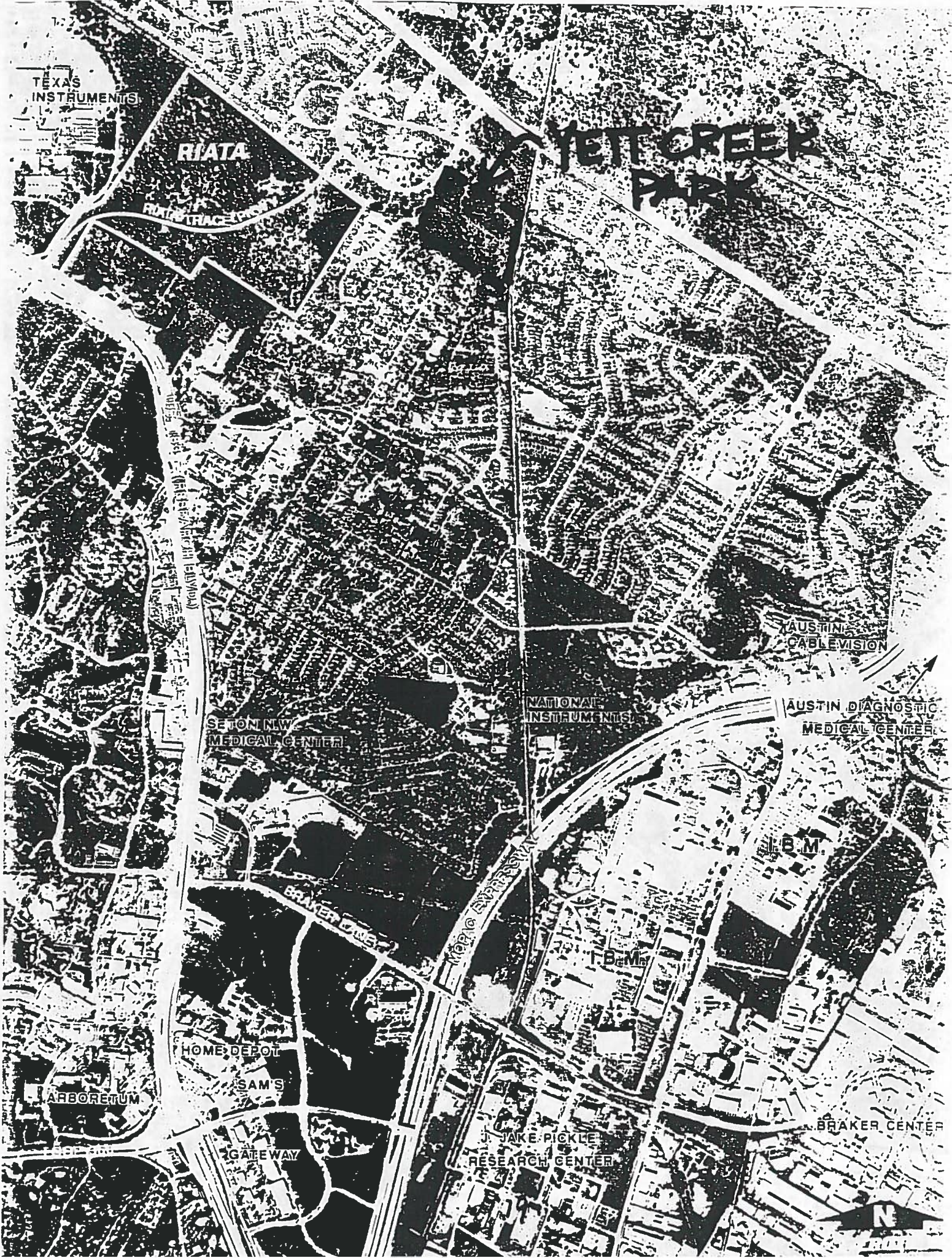
Stephen K. Collins, P.E.

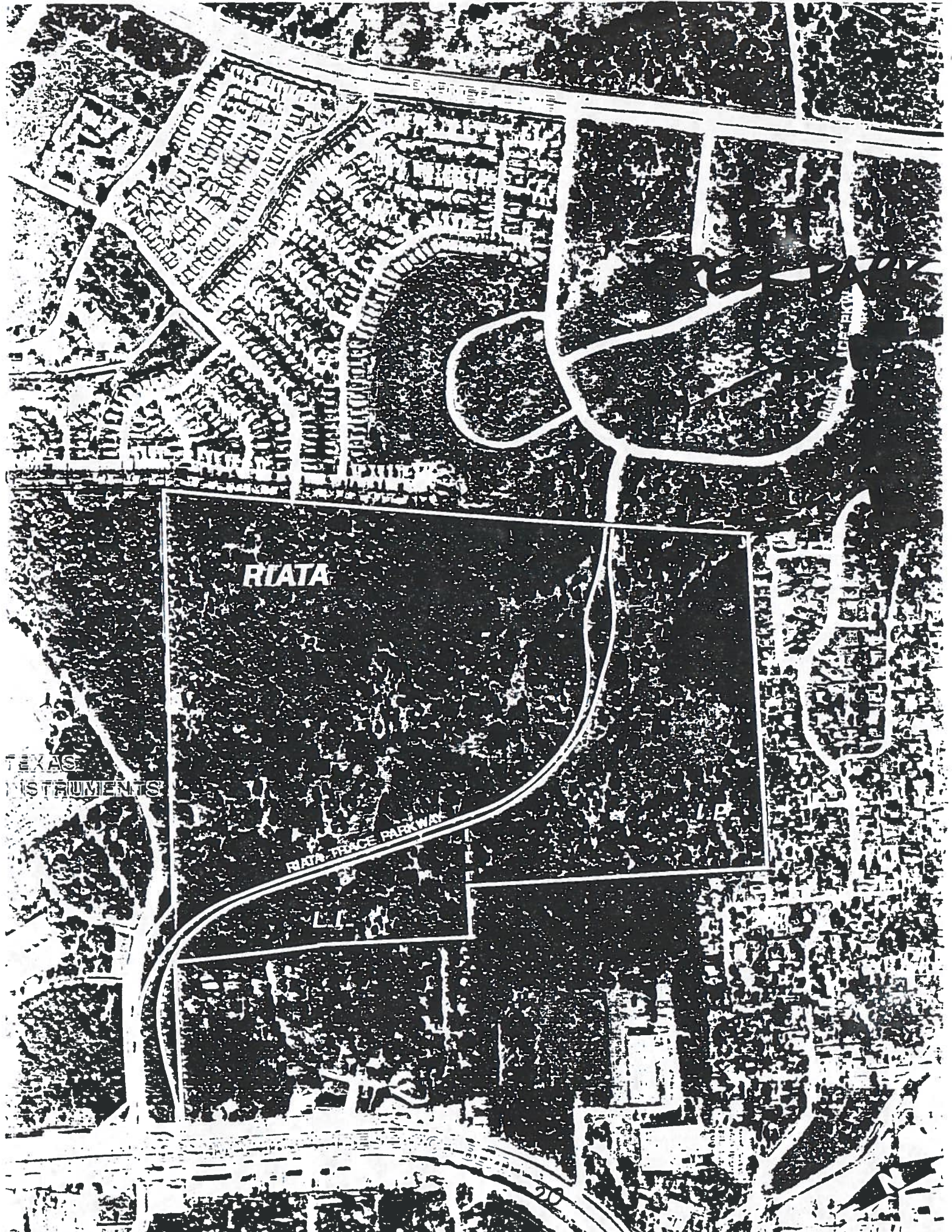
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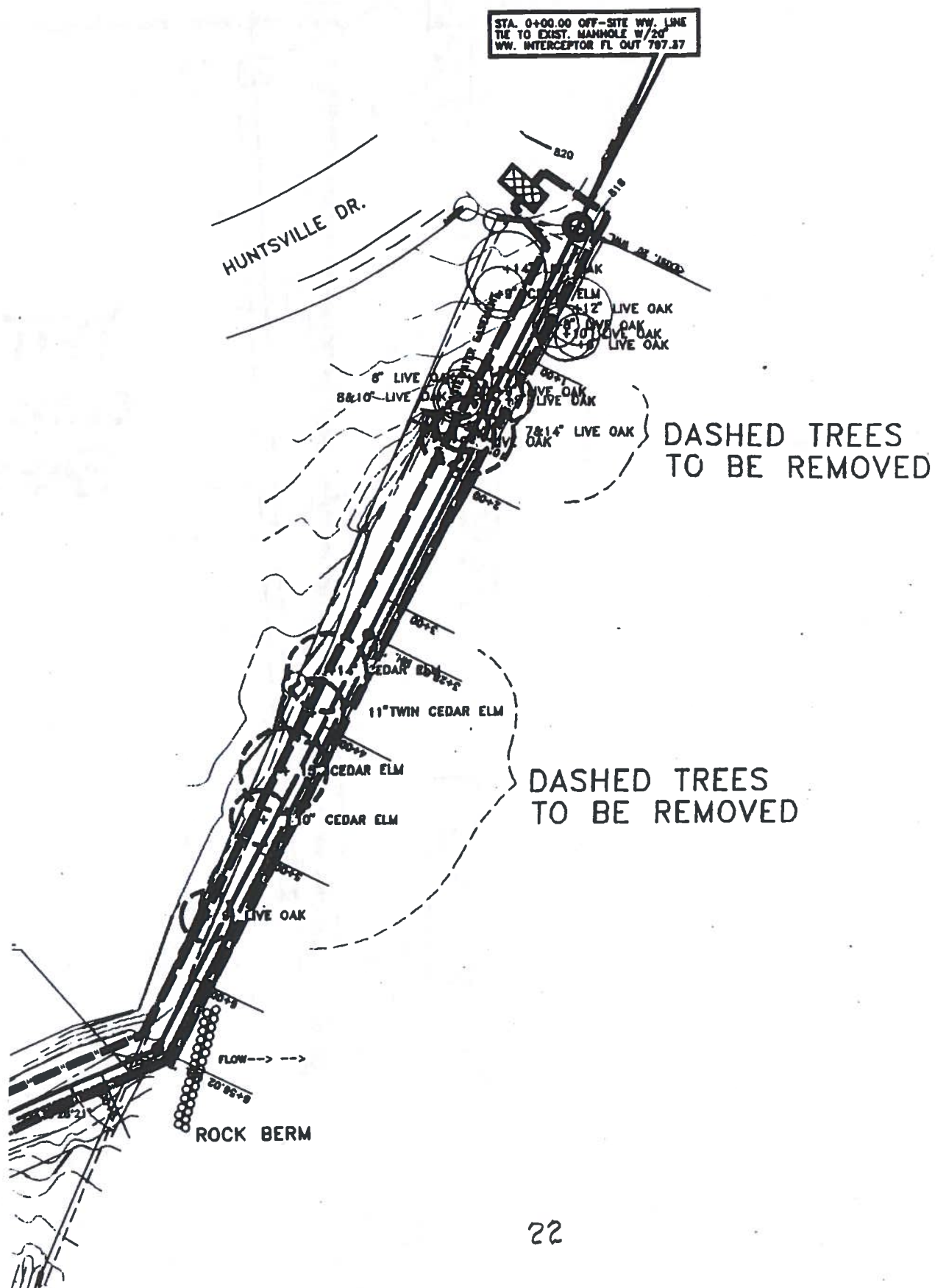
cc: Mr. Mike Weynand; Riata Development
Mr. John M. Jansing, Jr., P.E.; Gray Engineering, Inc.



LOCATION MAP
N.T.S.









GRAY ENGINEERING, INC.

Consulting Engineers • Austin, Texas

INFORMATION PACKET

RIATA TRACE PARKWAY

WATER, SEWER, STREET AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

PREPARED FOR:

BLUE STAR AUSTIN LAND, L.P.

1201 Spyglass Dr. Suite 300
Austin, Texas 78746

PREPARED BY:

GRAY ENGINEERING, INC.

8217 Shoal Creek Blvd., Suite 100
Austin, Texas 78757-7592

November 1995

Introduction

Blue Star Austin Land L.P. is proposing to construct a new 15-inch wastewater line to provide wastewater service to the Riata Development. In conjunction with this project, Blue Star is requesting authorization to build this 15-inch wastewater line in a proposed easement along the west property line of Yett Creek Park. The Riata Development will be comprised of multi-family and commercial development. The multi-family development will have approximately 117 acres and the commercial area will have approximately 53 acres.

Project Need and Justification

The new 15-inch wastewater line is needed to provide wastewater service from the City of Austin to the proposed Riata Development. The new 15-inch wastewater line was approved as a Service Extension Request No. 1503 to provide service to this area for wastewater collection. There is not another wastewater line with the capacity necessary to serve the Riata Development. In reviewing service extension routes, there was no other alignment with which to connect to the City of Austin system. Other wastewater lines for adjacent developments did not have the wastewater capacity to handle the Riata Development, thus requiring a new extension or a new connection to the City of Austin's wastewater system to serve the Riata Development.

Alternatives to the Use of Parkland

The point where the new 15-inch wastewater line connects into the existing City of Austin wastewater system is inside park property. Service Extension Request No. 1503 requires this connection point. Another option to cross on private property does not provide a feasible alternative because there are existing wastewater lines to the north of our proposed route on Yett Creek Park property. These existing wastewater lines serve other developments and conflict with the new 15-inch wastewater line connection to the existing City of Austin wastewater system. Other alternatives would require building a lift station and force main which is not an acceptable alternative for City of Austin Water and Wastewater approval. The proposed route for the new 15-inch wastewater line through the Yett Creek Park property will have a minimum impact as most of the construction will take place on the fringe of an open portion of the park. There will be approximately eight (8) trees that are on the alignment of the new 15-inch wastewater line. These trees cannot be avoided due to the location of the connection point on the existing City of Austin wastewater system.

Project Description and Schedule

The proposed project consists of approximately one mile of divided boulevard for Riata Trace Parkway. The improvements also include all of the water, wastewater, and drainage infrastructure that needs to be built at the time of the roadway. This includes a portion of 15-inch offsite wastewater line that is approximately 1,800 feet long, of which approximately 650 feet crosses Yett Creek Park land. This wastewater line requires an easement on the Yett Creek Park land that varies in width from a maximum of 60 feet all the way to approximately 20 feet. A total of 0.562 acres is required for this permanent wastewater easement. This 15-inch wastewater line will be constructed of SDR-35 P.V.C. pipe. The construction will include one manhole, in the middle of the requested easement, and a connection to an existing City of Austin manhole at the northern end of the easement. The one manhole in the middle of the easement will be the only visible signs of above ground construction after the line is installed. The schedule for this project has plans being approved by the City of Austin within the next few weeks, rough cut of onsite street improvements has already begun, with full construction beginning at final approval of the plans.

Short Term Effects of Construction

The short term effects during construction will be minimal. The construction will not interfere with any park functions due to the remote location of the easement requested. The location is along a portion of the park that is otherwise inaccessible by the public. All construction activities will be conducted within the requested easement. The trenching, pipe laying, manhole construction and manhole connection will be conducted within the requested easement. This area currently has a stormsewer pipe and outfall which required a portion of this park area to already have been cleared of vegetation. However, the proposed wastewater line alignment is along the fringes of a heavily wooded portion of the park. A few of these fringe trees adjacent to this already cleared area will have to be removed for the construction of this wastewater line. Ground disturbance will include removal of approximately eight to ten trees, trenching, temporary spoils storage and equipment tracking and soil compaction. Erosion and sedimentation control devices will be utilized, and tree protection fencing will be placed around all adjacent trees that will not be disturbed.

Long Term Effects of Construction

The only long term effect on the parkland due to the construction of this wastewater line will be a restriction on building structures or similar improvements on this easement. As this easement borders along the property line of the park, the building setback lines for this portion of the property would take up a majority of this easement as requested and there will be negligible impact for long term effects. After construction of the wastewater line, the line will be accepted and maintained by the City of Austin.

Restoration Plan

The primary construction activities and the greatest ground disturbance will occur only within the proposed wastewater easement. For restoration calculations, 100% of this easement was used for the revegetation. The vegetative ground cover for all disturbed areas will be restored in accordance with the City of Austin Environmental Department's Permanent Erosion and Reseeding specifications. The revegetation and reseeded includes natural grasses. The reseeded mixture includes Alamo Switch Grass at 3 pounds per acre, Lometa Indian Grass at 2 pounds per acre, Permier Sideoats Grass at 5 pounds per acre, Green Sprangletop at 2 pounds per acre, Buffalo Grass at 5 pounds per acre, Bermuda Grass at 5 pounds per acre and Rye grass at 5 pounds per acre. The total seeding rate will be 27 pounds per acre. Species selection and replacement for all trees and shrubs will be conducted in conjunction with the PARD Staff.

THE CITY OF AUSTIN
TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN
0.562 ACRE WASTEWATER EASEMENT

FIELD NOTES FOR A 0.562 ACRE WASTEWATER EASEMENT

FIELD NOTES describing 0.562 acres of land in the Peter Conrad Survey No. 42, situated in Travis County, Texas, being a portion of that certain 40.52 acre tract of land conveyed to the City of Austin by deed recorded in Volume 10924, Page 390 of the Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin set on the East right-of-way line of Huntsville Drive, an eighty (80) foot wide dedicated public right-of-way, being the Northwest corner of said 40.52 acre tract, also being the Southwest corner of Lot 7, Block D, and the North corner of Lot 6, Block E, Milwood Section 20, as recorded in Plat Book 85, Pages 129D-130D of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, for the Northwest corner and POINT OF BEGINNING of the hereinafter described tract.

THENCE along the North line of said 40.52 acre tract, being the South line of said Lot 7, Block D, for the North line hereof, the following two (2) courses:

1. S63°57'45"E, 22.19 feet to an angle point of this tract.
2. S60°52'00"E, 35.05 feet to the Northeast corner of this tract.

THENCE along the East line hereof, the following two (2) courses:

1. S28°17'24"W, 645.60 feet to an angle point of this tract.
2. S67°45'45"W, 24.72 feet to a point on the West line of said 40.52 acre tract and the East line of said Lot 6, Block E, for the South corner of this tract.

THENCE along the West line of said 40.52 acre tract and the East line of said Lot 6, Block E, for the West line hereof, the following two (2) courses:

1. N24°36'30"E, 628.85 feet to an angle point of this tract.
2. N26°32'00"E, 36.79 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the herein described tract, containing 0.562 acres of land, more or less.

I Claude F. Hinkle, Jr., a REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR, do hereby certify that these field notes were prepared from existing records, supplemental surveys, and computations made by Austin Surveyors and Gray Engineering, Inc., and are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

AUSTIN SURVEYORS
P. O. Box 180243
Austin, Texas 78757

FIELD NOTES REVIEWED

By Mike Smith Date 11/6/95
Engineering Support Section
Department of Public Works
and Transportation



Claude F. Hinkle, Jr.
Registered Professional Land Surveyor No. 4629

Date

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SKETCH TO ACCOMPANY FIELD NOTES FOR A 0.562 AC. WASTEWATER EASEMENT

MILWOOD SECTION 20
PLAT BOOK 85, PAGES 129D-130D

BLOCK D

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POINT OF BEGINNING

HUNTSVILLE DRIVE (80' ROW)

T1 T2

N24°36'30"E 628.85

S28°17'24"W 645.60

0.562 ACRE
WASTEWATER
EASEMENT

SCALE:
1" = 100'

LEGEND

○ IRON PIN SET

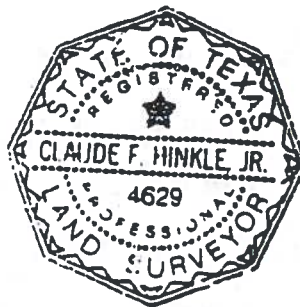
YETT CREEK PARK

CITY OF AUSTIN
40.52 AC.
VOL. 10924, PG. 390

MILWOOD SECTION 20
PLAT BOOK 85, PAGES 129D-130D

BLOCK E

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*Handwritten signature: Claude F. Hinkle, Jr.
8-25-95*

TANGENT TABLE

NUMBER	DISTANCE	BEARING
T1	22.19'	S63°57'45"E
T2	35.05'	S60°52'00"E
T3	24.72'	S67°45'45"W
T4	36.79'	N26°32'00"E

EXHIBIT "A"
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PROJECT NO: 1242-7276-32	DESIGNED BY: MEW
FILE NO: 7276WWE1.DWG	DRAWN BY: MEW
DATE: AUGUST, 1995	CHECKED BY: JMJ
SCALE: 1" = 100'	REVISED BY:



GRAY ENGINEERING, INC.
Consulting Engineers
8217 Shoal Creek Blvd., Suite 100
Austin, Texas 78757-7592
(512)462-0371 FAX(512)464-9833



GRAY ENGINEERING, INC.

November 15, 1995

Mr. Michael J. Heitz, Director
Parks and Recreation Department
City of Austin
P. O. Box 1088
Austin, TX 78767-8839

Re: Riata Trace Parkway
Offsite Wastewater Improvements
GEI No. 1242-7276-55

Dear Mr. Heitz:

The offsite wastewater improvements that will be built in an easement along Yett Creek Park, will be accepted and maintained by the City of Austin upon completion. This is a 15-inch wastewater line, the location of which was specified in the City of Austin's approved Service Extension Request 1503. The Riata Trace Parkway plans for the construction of this 15-inch wastewater line have been approved by the Water and Wastewater Engineering of the City of Austin, contingent on this offsite easement through Yett Creek Park being finalized and recorded.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

GRAY ENGINEERING, INC.

Stephen K. Collins, P.E.

Don Solberg, Water and Wastewater Department

11-28-95

Date

SKC:pel

cc: Mr. Mike Weyand; Riata Development, L.L.C.
Mr. John M. Jansing, Jr., P.E.; Gray Engineering, Inc.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks and Recreation Board

FROM: Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

DATE: December 6, 1995

SUBJECT: "Rundberg Park" - Water Line Use Agreement

The Holford Group is requesting approval of a use agreement to construct a 8" diameter water line through part of an area known as "Rundberg Park."

This water line is necessary to provide an adequate level of fire protection service to a new multi-family development, Windcrest Parkside, located to the south of the park. The proposed water line will run along the western property line of the park, to connect into an internal water distribution system within the proposed development.

"Rundberg Park" has been recently acquired; it is located in northeast Austin and, at present, undeveloped.

The City of Austin's Water and Wastewater Utility has agreed to accept responsibility for the water line after construction is completed (see attached letter signed by the Utility).

The letter from the Holford Group gives more details of the project and includes metes and bounds field notes and sketch.

The construction of the water line will not disturb any significant vegetation and the area will be revegetated with native grasses on completion of the project.

Recommendation

I recommend approval of the request for:

1. A permanent water line use agreement, approximately 470' long and 15' wide, through part of "Rundberg Park."

The above use agreement is subject to the following conditions:

1. Construction, restoration and revegetation shall be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the "Construction in Parks Specifications", adopted by the Board, April 25, 1990.

The disturbed area shall be revegetated with an intermediate mix of native grasses, reference Section 6.1(E).

2. All restoration and revegetation shall be completed to the requirements and satisfaction of the Parks and Recreation Department.
3. The project drawings shall indicate all approved use agreements within the parkland. The Director of the Parks and Recreation Department shall approve and "sign-off" on the drawings after all use agreements have been approved and granted.

If I can provide you with any additional information, please let me know.



Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

MJH:pm

H O L F O R D G R O U P
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DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANTS

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December 4, 1995

Mr. Mike Heitz, A.I.A.
Director, Austin Parks and Recreation
200 S. Lamar Blvd.
Austin, TX. 78704

REF: Windcrest Parkside
SP-95-0274C
Water Line Easement
Use Agreement

Dear Mr. Heitz:

Windcrest Parkside is a proposed 228-unit apartment development to be located at 1088 Park Plaza Drive in Northeast Austin. The project will consist of ten three-story buildings with associated parking, a clubhouse/recreation center, swimming pool, multi-purpose sport court, sand volleyball facility and water quality ponds. The owner of the proposed apartment project filed for site plan application (SP-95-0274C) with the City of Austin Department of Planning and Development on July 17, 1995 and the project is reaching final approval. The purpose of this letter is to obtain a Use Agreement from the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department, Parks Board, and City Council for extension of an off-site 8 inch water line through undeveloped City parkland. The City of Austin park is located off the intersection of Rundberg Lane and Fiskville Cemetery Road in North Austin.

The proposed apartment development is obtaining domestic water service from an existing 8 inch water line, which is located at the end of Park Plaza Drive. However, the existing City of Austin 8 inch water main is a dead-end line and will not provide a level of service which will supply fire protection for the proposed Parkside apartment development.

Mr. Phillip Jaeger, City of Austin Water and Wastewater Utility, Utility Development Services, has requested that the existing 8 inch water main be extended from Park Plaza Drive to an existing 6 inch line in Fiskville Cemetery Road, per City of Austin Water Service Extension Number 1630. Connection of the two existing water mains will provide an acceptable level of fire protection to meet current City of Austin Health and Safety requirements but the City requested alignment will cross City parkland.

The proposed water line will be extended internally through the proposed Parkside apartment development and parallel the westernmost property line of the future City park facility at Rundberg Lane. The proposed portion of the water line within City parkland will be constructed to City of Austin standard specifications for public utility mains. Upon completion of the main installation by the utility contractor, the City will approve the water line for operation and maintenance. An 8 inch ductile iron main will be installed in the parkland area and the line will be contained within a 15 foot wide water line easement, as shown on the enclosed utility plan and described in the attached field notes.

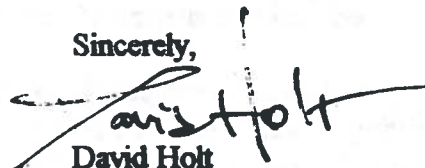
The proposed alignment through parkland will not affect any existing trees. All disturbed areas will be revegetated with bermuda grass to mandatory City of Austin Environmental and Conservation Services Department standards. Silt fence will be installed along the portion of the alignment crossing City parkland. Silt fencing will provide temporary erosion control while the project is under construction thus preventing sediment runoff during wet weather periods into adjacent creeks.

The proposed alignment of the water main has been designed to have no impact for future use of the proposed Rundberg City park by hugging the western property line. The area utilized for construction of the water main is not a good area for parkland improvement. This triangular area is severed by Tributary 2, Little Walnut Creek thus leaving an isolated parcel which is apart from the main body of the park. The main extension will provide future water service for domestic, irrigation or fire protection for future development of the vacant parkland.

There are few prudent alternative options for route alignment of the proposed water line, since the surrounding land area is developed. The most feasible alignment of the water main is through the vacant park and the proposed 24 acre Parkside apartment project. The apartment project is surrounded by Little Walnut Creek to the south, a tributary of Little Walnut Creek to the north, an existing apartment development, Fiskville Cemetery to the west, and a trailer park to the east. The physical boundaries of the development area leave no other feasible and prudent options available for route alignment. The only other alternative for main extension would be down Park Plaza Drive toward IH-35. The Park Plaza route would entail destruction of the existing City street and elimination of many existing pecan trees along Little Walnut Creek and is not considered a feasible or prudent option.

We would appreciate your recommendation of this request, and forwarding it to the Parks Board and City Council for their review and approval of the water line alignment and use agreement. I will also provide you a letter from the City of Austin Water and Wastewater Utility, at a later date, that will indicate their acceptance of the proposed water line once it is constructed to standard City specifications. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter or need additional information.

Sincerely,

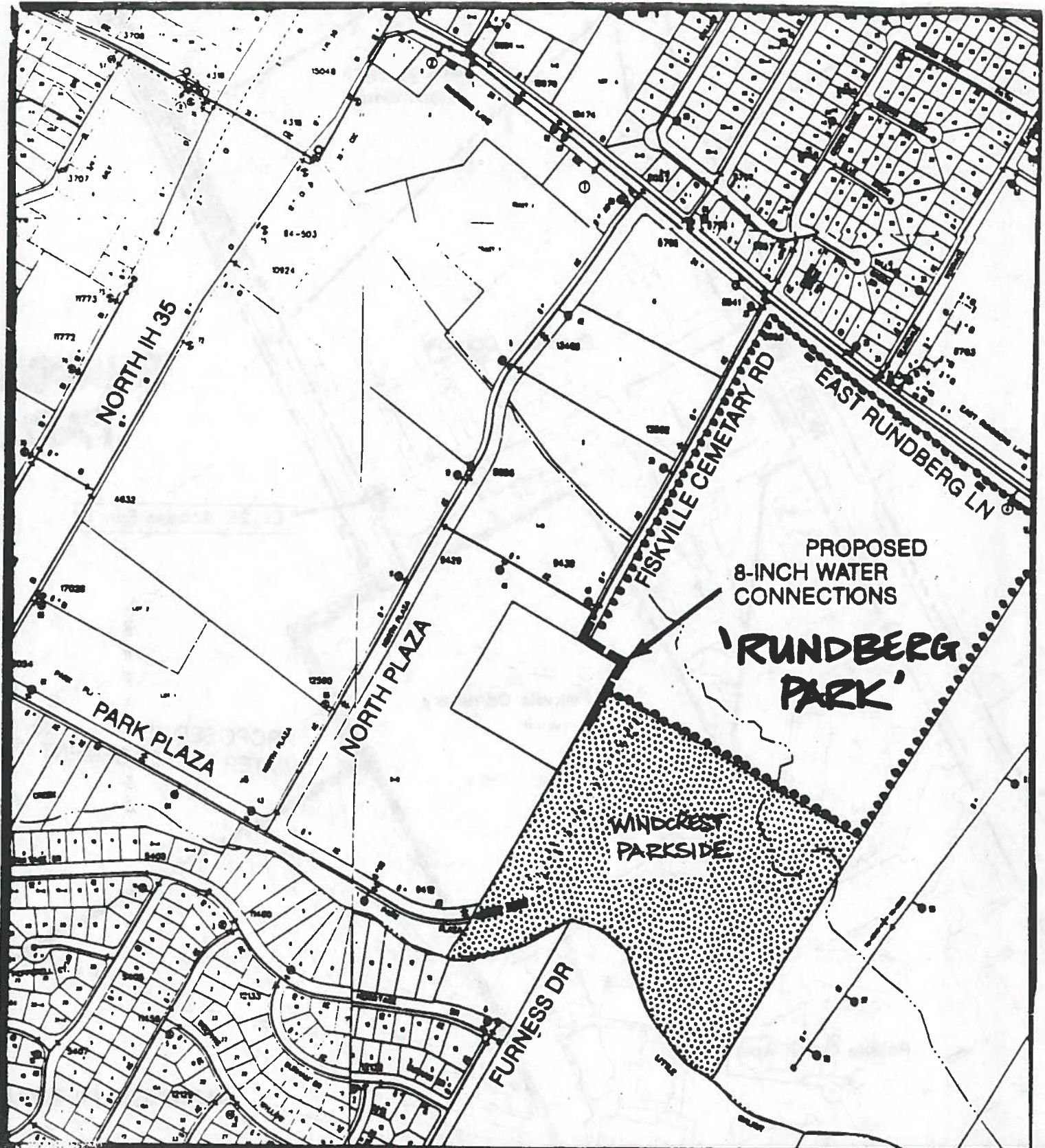


David Holt

Encl.

cc: Mike Parr
John Jansing
Phillip Jaeger

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NOT TO SCALE

W. S.E.R. NAME: WINDCREST PARKSIDE
W. S.E.R. NUMBER: 1630



Office

Heritage Plaza
Apartments

FISKVILLE CEMETARY RD

NORTH PLAZA

Sunrise Condos

'RUNDBERG
PARK'

Ex. 26' Access Esm't

Fiskville Cemetary
CEMETERY

PROPOSED 15'
WATER LINE EASEMENT

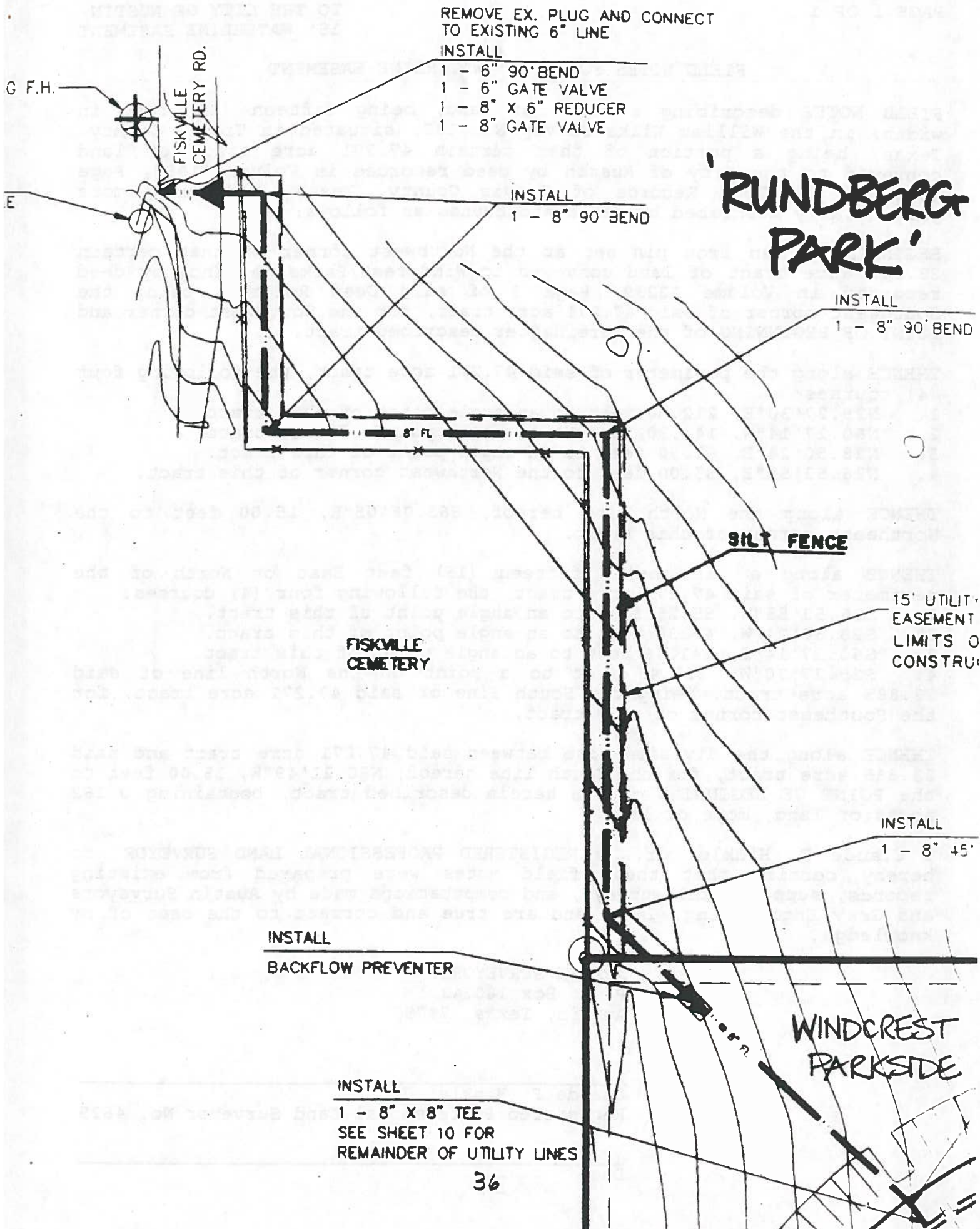
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Pebble Creek Apartments

WINDCREST PARKSIDE

Walnut Creek

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REMOVE EX. PLUG AND CONNECT
TO EXISTING 6" LINE

INSTALL

- 1 - 6" 90° BEND
- 1 - 6" GATE VALVE
- 1 - 8" X 6" REDUCER
- 1 - 8" GATE VALVE

INSTALL

- 1 - 8" 90° BEND

INSTALL

- 1 - 8" 90° BEND

SILT FENCE

15' UTILITY
EASEMENT
LIMITS OF
CONSTRUCTION

INSTALL

- 1 - 8" 45°

INSTALL

BACKFLOW PREVENTER

INSTALL

- 1 - 8" X 8" TEE
- SEE SHEET 10 FOR
REMAINDER OF UTILITY LINES

WINDCREST
PARKSIDE

FIELD NOTES FOR A 15' WATERLINE EASEMENT

FIELD NOTES describing a strip of land, being fifteen (15) feet in width, in the William Wilks Survey No. 182, situated in Travis County, Texas, being a portion of that certain 47.271 acre tract of land conveyed to the City of Austin by deed recorded in Volume 11959, Page 2075 of the Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin set at the Northwest corner of that certain 23.885 acre tract of land conveyed to Windcrest/Parkside, Inc. by deed recorded in Volume 12239, Page 3 of said Deed Records, being the Southwest corner of said 47.271 acre tract, for the Southwest corner and POINT OF BEGINNING of the hereinafter described tract.

THENCE along the perimeter of said 47.271 acre tract, the following four (4) courses:

1. N29.27'30"E, 212.50 feet to an angle point of this tract.
2. N60.17'14"W, 141.30 feet to an angle point of this tract.
3. N28.50'24"E, 61.90 feet to an angle point of this tract.
4. N26.53'55"E, 55.00 feet to the Northwest corner of this tract.

THENCE along the North line hereof, S63.06'05"E, 15.00 feet to the Northeast corner of this tract.

THENCE along a line being fifteen (15) feet East or North of the perimeter of said 47.271 acre tract, the following four (4) courses:

1. S26.53'55"W, 55.25 feet to an angle point of this tract.
2. S28.50'24"W, 47.38 feet to an angle point of this tract.
3. S60.17'14"E, 141.46 feet to an angle point of this tract.
4. S29.27'30"W, 227.48 feet to a point on the North line of said 23.885 acre tract, being the South line of said 47.271 acre tract, for the Southeast corner of this tract.

THENCE along the division line between said 47.271 acre tract and said 23.885 acre tract, for the South line hereof, N60.21'49"W, 15.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the herein described tract, containing 0.162 acres of land, more or less.

I Claude F. Hinkle, Jr., a REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR, do hereby certify that these field notes were prepared from existing records, supplemental surveys, and computations made by Austin Surveyors and Gray Engineering, Inc., and are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

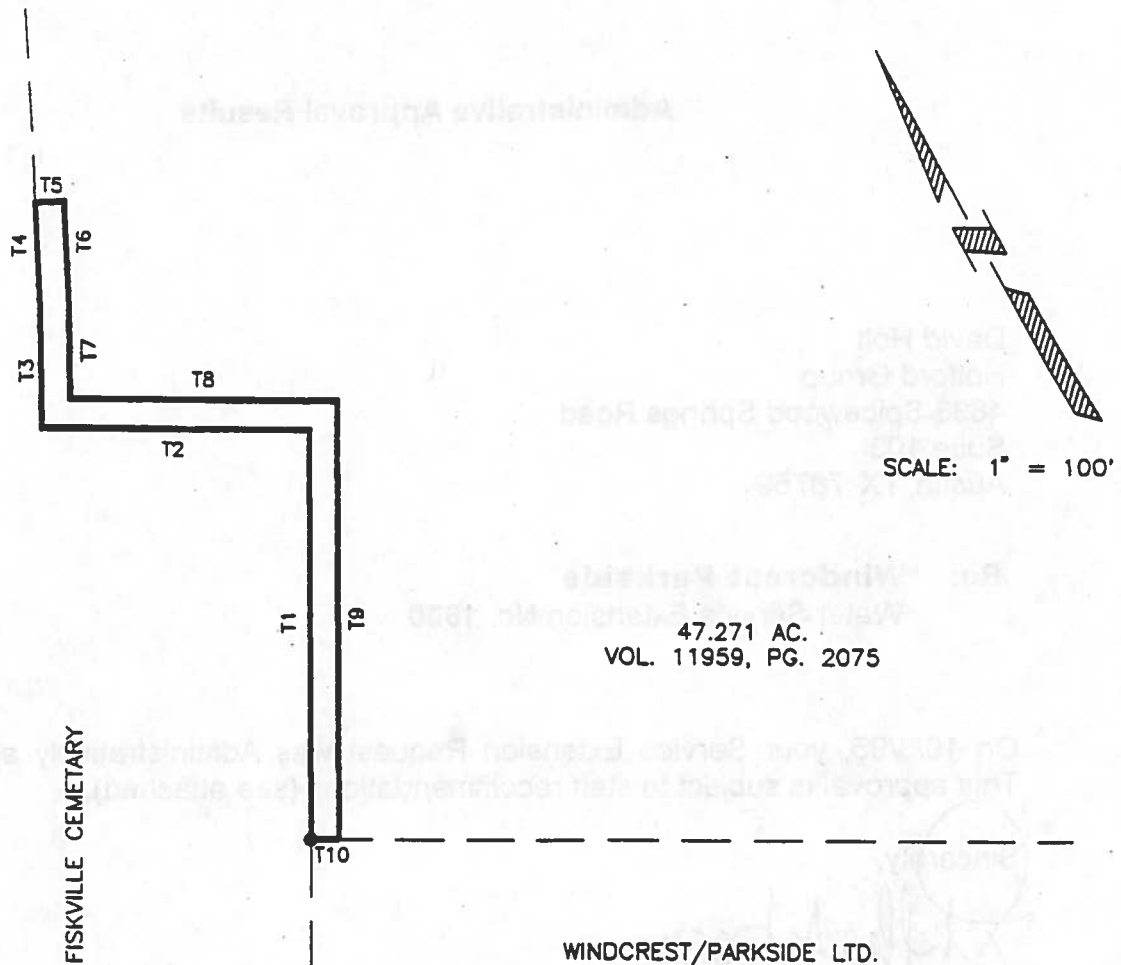
AUSTIN SURVEYORS
P. O. Box 180243
Austin, Texas 78757

Claude F. Hinkle, Jr.
Registered Professional Land Surveyor No. 4629

Date

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SKETCH TO ACCOMPANY FIELD NOTES FOR A 15' WIDE WATERLINE EASEMENT



TANGENT TABLE

NUMBER	DISTANCE	BEARING
T1	212.50'	N 29°27'30" E
T2	141.30'	N 60°17'14" V
T3	61.90'	N 28°50'24" E
T4	55.00'	N 26°53'55" E
T5	15.00'	S 63°06'05" E
T6	55.25'	S 26°53'55" V
T7	47.38'	S 28°50'24" V
T8	141.46'	S 60°17'14" E
T9	227.48'	S 29°27'30" V
T10	15.00'	N 60°21'49" V

LOT 1, BLOCK A
WINDCREST PARKSIDE (PROPOSED)

EXHIBIT "B"
PAGE 1 OF 1

PROJECT NO:	1237-7422-32	DESIGNED BY:	MEW
FILE NO:	7422WLE1.DWG	DRAWN BY:	MEW
DATE:	DECEMBER, 1995	CHECKED BY:	SKIP
SCALE:	1" = 100'	REVISED BY:	



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Administrative Approval Results

David Holt
Holford Group
4833 Spicewood Springs Road
Suite 103
Austin, TX 78759

Re: Windcrest Parkside
Water Service Extension No. 1630

On 10/6/95, your Service Extension Request was Administratively approved
This approval is subject to staff recommendations (see attached).

Sincerely,

Phillip A. Jaeger
Engineering Support Specialist I
Utility Development Services
Water and Wastewater Utility

PAJ:paj

encl: Recommendations

xc: S.E.R. No. 1630
Date Mailed: Friday, October 06, 1995

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WATER AND WASTEWATER
SERVICE EXTENSION
REQUEST FOR
CONSIDERATION

Name : Windcrest Parkside

Service Requested : Water

S.E.R. No. : 1630

Date Received : 8/10/95

Location : 1088 Park Plaza Drive

Acres : 23.88

Land Use : Multi-Family

% Within City Limits : 100

Alt. Utility Service or S.E.R. Number : Yes

Quad1 : L-28,29

Quad2 : M-28,29

Drainage Basin : Little Walnut

Pressure Zone : North

Flow : (Peak Hour Flow, Gallons per Minute) 352 gpm

Cost Participation : \$0.00

Description of Improvements:

Applicant will make a connect to the existing 8-inch water line in Park Plaza and a 8-inch connect to the existing 6-inch water line in Fiskville Cemetery Road.

The subject tract can expect an approximate water pressure of 70 psi (modeled) with the above improvements.

Conditions :

- 1) Completion and acceptance of the improvements described above.
- 2) Approval of a site plan that meets the Fire Department requirements for fire control.
- 3) The level of service approved by this document does not imply commitment for land use.
- 4) The proposed improvements will be dedicated to The City of Austin for ownership, operation, and maintenance.


WWW Asst. Director Engineering Program

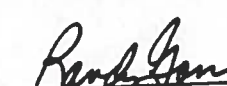
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10-3-95


Director, Water & Wastewater Utility

Date

10/6/95



MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks and Recreation Board

FROM: Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

DATE: December 6, 1995

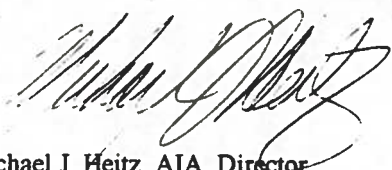
SUBJECT: Sim's Fountain Donation for Auditorium Shores

The Parks and Recreation Department has been approached by Mr. Don Ellison who has offered to donate an accessible Town Lake water fountain (see exhibit 1) to replace the existing fountain located on the east side of the allee at Auditorium Shores near Riverside Drive in memory of his son, Mr. Sims Ellison. The proposed fountain would conform to the Town Lake Design Criteria requirements. The improvements would also include a limestone seat wall which would again conform to the Town Lake Design Criteria requirements. The estimated cost of construction for the donation is approximately \$20,000. Mr. David Shows, a landscape architect, is donating his services for the design and construction management. If approved the construction work should begin within two months of approval and take approximately one month.

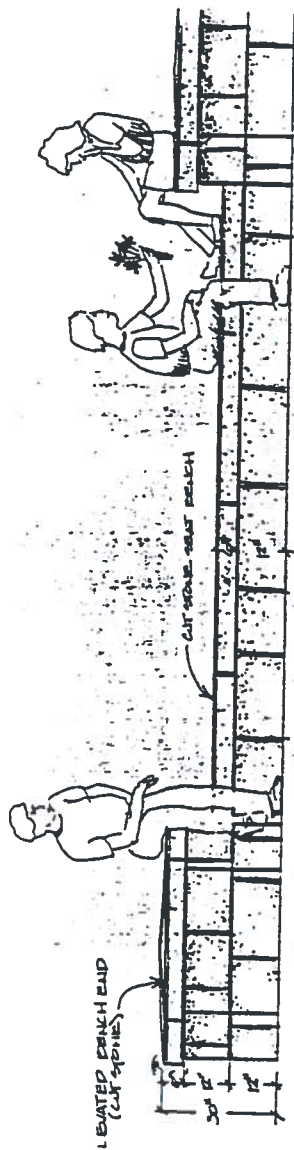
Recommendation

I recommend approving the donation of the water fountain and bench improvements in memory of Mr. Sims Ellison with the Parks and Recreation Department reserving the right of approval/disapproval of the final design/construction drawings.

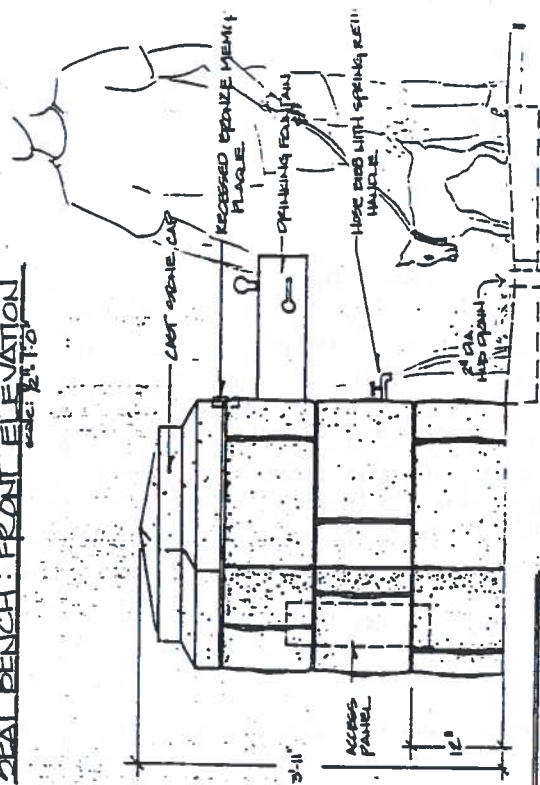
Please contact me if you need any additional information.


Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

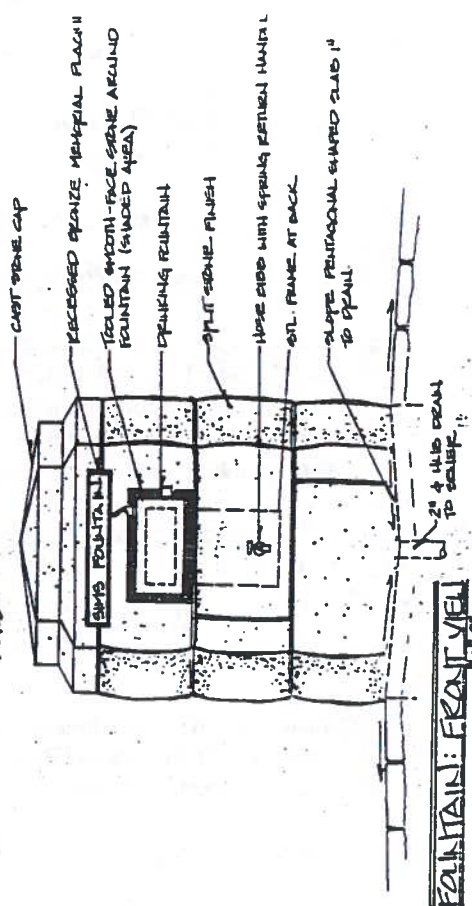
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SEAT BENCH: FRONT ELEVATION



FOUNTAIN: SIDE VIEW



FOUNTAIN: FRONT VIEW

- dave shows and associates
landscape architects
17320 classen road



MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks and Recreation Board

FROM: Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

DATE: December 7, 1995

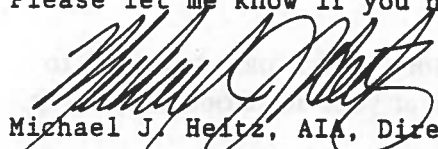
SUBJECT: Appointment of a Colorado River Park Task Force

Attached is a request to form a citizen task force charged with developing a conceptual master plan for the Colorado River Park. The existing Town Lake Comprehensive Plan does have a conceptual plan for Colorado River Park, and the Board assisted with revision of that plan over a year ago. However, the failure of the stadium bond issue may have affected those revisions. Significant community interest in Colorado River Park was a positive result of the stadium effort, and a number of groups have been encouraged to contribute to the park's development.

The possibility of a future bond election in 1997 which could include funds for development of the park is an additional reason to look again at the plan for the park. The proposed timetable for the task force would be very appropriate.

I recommend appointment of a task force according to the guidelines in the attached memorandum.

Please let me know if you need additional information.


Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

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MEMORANDUM

Date: December 6, 1995
From: The Colorado River Park Master Plan Task Force - Organizing Committee
To: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Subject: Creation of the Colorado River Park Masterplan Task Force

THE NEED

In the last several weeks representatives of a number of groups have been discussing the need to create a masterplan for the Colorado River Park. The groups making this proposal -- **that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board create a Colorado River Park Master Plan Task Force** -- include the Austin Parks Foundation, El Concilio, the Montopolis Little League, the Montopolis Neighborhood Association and The Trust for Public Land.

The attached article from the October 22, 1995 issue of the Austin American Statesman outlines the current challenges of creating a master plan for the Colorado River Park.

We believe that the creation of a Colorado River Park Master Plan Task Force will help the city and the Parks and Recreation Department achieve the goal of developing the park and opening it faster and better than without the Task Force.

It would also allow the City and supporting organizations to begin raising money for the development of the park by establishing cost estimates and a realistic park development plan and schedule.

Without a plan and schedule, the development of the Colorado River Park will not begin until sometime in the next century.

THE PROPOSAL

We propose that the Austin Parks and Recreation Advisory Board pass a motion to create the Colorado River Park Master Plan Task Force at your next board meeting, December 12, 1995.

We suggest the motion include but not be limited to the following elements:

I. Membership:

The task force shall be composed of no more than fifteen (15) members. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board with assistance from the Parks Department staff shall select the members of the task force.

The following is a list of community organizations and public agencies we believe have an interest in serving on the task force. If the listing is preceded by an asterisk that means that an individual from that organization has agreed to serve on the task force if asked.

Suggested organizations and public agencies for task force membership are:

- *Austin Park and Recreation Advisory Bd
- *El Concilio
- *Austin Community College
- *Capital Metro
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- *Lower Colorado River Authority
- *Austin Parks and Recreation Department
- *The Trust for Public Land
- *Austin Parks Foundation
- *Austin Metropolitan Trails Council
- AAA Baseball/Pleasant Valley Sportsplex
- *South Riverside Neighborhood Association
- Austin Chamber of Commerce
- Priority First
- Buena Vista Neighborhood Association

- *Montopolis Neighborhood Assn.
- *Montopolis Little League
- *East Town Lake Neighborhood Assn.
- Austin Neighborhoods Council
- High Tech Industry Representative
- Austin Independent School District
- Del Valle Independent Sch. District
- Performing Arts Advocate
- Visual Arts Advocate
- *Travis County
- People with Disabilities (ADA)
- Austin Community Development Bank
- University of Texas
- Barrio Unido Neighborhood Association
- Raney Neighborhood Association

II. Duties of the Task Force:

Note: We believe the Task Force would not have to start at the "beginning" of the planning process since Austin citizens formally proposed the Colorado River Park as a part of the 1987 Town Lake Comprehensive Plan. Last year the environmental board, parks board, and planning commission reviewed, revised and updated the 1987 proposal. So, the following duties are proposed to use the updated Colorado River Park proposal as a base plan.

- 1) The task force shall produce a conceptual master plan and budget for capital improvements to create the Colorado River Park.
- 2) The task force shall use the "updated and revised" maps and proposed uses for the Colorado River Park that were produced in 1994.
- 3) The task force shall hold an initial organizing meeting in December, 1995 and a series of widely advertised community wide meetings -- one each in January, February and March, 1996 -- to solicit ideas for the masterplan.

4) The task force shall identify funds available, as well as fund raising opportunities for the development of the park.

5) The task force shall produce a written recommendations and maps describing its findings and submit these documents to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board no later than March 31, 1996.

III. Staff:

The Austin Parks and Recreation Department shall provide staff support for the task force work.

IV. Funding:

Up to \$4,000 worth of direct expenses for master plan report production, maps and meeting facilitation will be provided by the Austin Parks Foundation and the Trust for Public Land through a grant from the Lila Wallace - Readers Digest Fund.

Gun control

At an annual conference of Texans Against Gun Violence, state Rep. Sherri Greenberg says she will file legislation in 1997 to restore local control over gun laws. **B7**



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Stadium defeat stymies park idea

■ Colorado River Park plan, vitalized by baseball effort, likely to be delayed again

By Scott W. Wagner
American-Statesman Staff

The dream of developing a sprawling park on the banks of the Colorado River to rival popular Zilker Park languished for nearly a decade — until the recent push to build a \$22 million baseball stadium on the land breathed new life into the idea.

But the stadium proposal's defeat earlier this month likely will delay the creation of what may well be Austin's last major inner-city greenscape, city parks officials say.

Now they'll need the voters' blessing in a bond election to finance the \$6 million to \$10 million needed for development. Parks officials predict the earliest the project could be completed would be the turn of the century.

The city-owned land that comprises what will be the 300-acre Colorado River Park, which some

are calling "the Zilker Park of East Austin," stretches east of Longhorn Dam from Pleasant Valley Road to Montopolis Drive.

Some residents who live near the proposed park say they will press for a quicker timetable.

"The Colorado River Park is something we have been expecting for many years," says Gavino Fernandez Jr., coordinator for El Conchillo, a coalition of eight Hispanic neighborhood associations in East and Southeast Austin.

"Moya Park is bursting at the seams," Zilker Park is bursting at the seams," Fernandez says. "We need this park. It is a very beautiful natural landscape and one of the last large green spaces we have in the inner city."

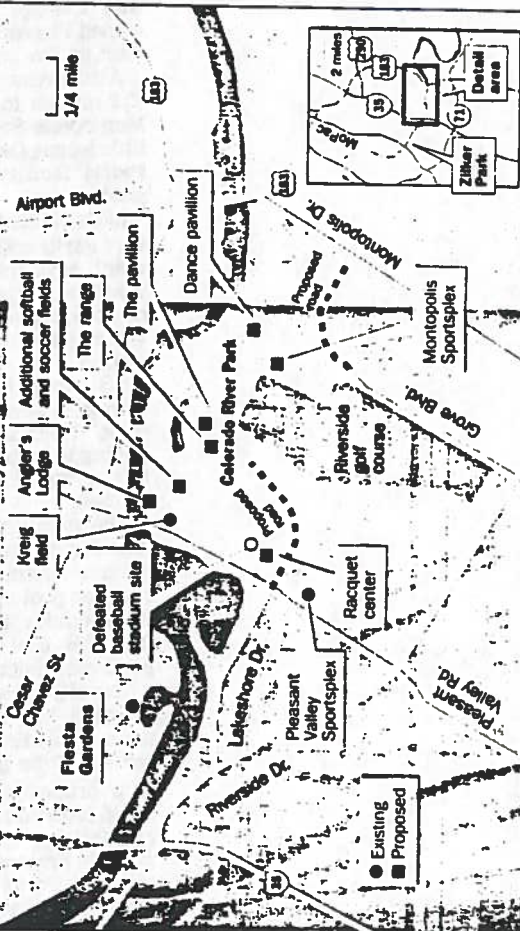
El Conchillo opposed issuing \$10 million in public-financed bonds to build a stadium for the Phoenix Firebirds Triple-A baseball team, mostly because the stadium would have changed the character of the park, Fernandez says.

Tentative plans drawn up in 1987 called for the park to feature a music pavilion and outdoor amphitheater seating up to 16,000, a fishing pier, soccer fields, a small

See Neighbors, B9

Preliminary master plan for Colorado River Park

The defeat of a proposed baseball stadium for Austin also has meant a setback for the proposed Colorado River Park, which would include such features as an outdoor pavilion and amphitheater to seat up to 16,000. The 300-acre park, sometimes referred to as "the Zilker Park of East Austin," would relieve crowding at other city parks, including nearby Fiesta Gardens.



Source: Austin Department of Parks and Recreation

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Neighbors pressing E. Austin park plan

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lake, a dance pavilion, picnic tables and other amenities.

The Lower Colorado River Authority and some water sports enthusiasts have tossed around the idea of constructing the country's only year-round Olympic-style whitewater rafting course at the park.

The proposed park is ringed by several existing features: the Krieg softball complex, a golf course owned by Austin Community College and the privately owned Pleasant Valley Sportsplex with its five softball diamonds.

Austin voters in 1992 approved \$2.9 million in bonds to build the Montopolis Sportsplex, with four little league fields in the park. The sports facility is in the design phase.

Mike Heitz, the director of Austin's Parks and Recreation Department, says the baseball stadium would have given the park a more commercial atmosphere. But it would have meant quicker completion.

"It would have given a jump start to developing the rest of the park," Heitz said. "The team was hoping to be here by 1997, so a lot of things would have been in place by then."

The stadium would have made it easier for parks officials to find private financing for some features or pool resources with public agencies to construct park facilities that could serve dual purposes, Heitz said.

The city's transit authority, for example, had planned to help finance extending a road through a portion of the park to gain access to a proposed parking lot that could have doubled as a park-and-ride facility.

Paula Fracasso, executive director of the Parks Foundation, a private group that tries to find resources for Austin's park needs, said she wants park officials to draft a detailed vision for the park.

"There is no money for development of the park so it's difficult for (parks officials) to spend money on a master plan for this area until the bonds are passed," she said. "But it's hard to sell bonds if you don't have a vision of what they can be used for."

Fernandez said he plans to meet with parks department officials this week to discuss the park's development. Neighborhoods near the park, he said, want the park to be useable before the year 2000.

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

Prepared November 28, 1995

Items Being Prepared for Council Review

Recommendations for Council Action (RCA's) are being prepared for:

- . Construction contract for Great Hills Low Water Crossing.
- . Acceptance of grant from Moody Foundation for renovation of Pease Park.

Items Under Active Review

These RCA's are drafted and under review within Parks and Recreation and/or the Law, Budget, and Assistant City Manager's Offices:

- . Construction contract award for site work and demolition at Central City Entertainment Center.
- . Capital budget amendment to appropriate fees collected through Parkland Dedication Ordinance.

Items Approved and Scheduled for A Specific Meeting

The following items will be on the Council agenda within the next few weeks:

- . Land use easement for fiber optic telecommunications cable at Slaughter Creek Metropolitan Park.
- . Amendment to City Code defining preserves and providing for regulations.
- . Parkland Improvement Agreement for Trinity River Crossing parkland development.
- . Interlocal agreement with Austin Independent School District to use \$61,000 in CIP interest for a playscape on AISD property at Allison School.
- . Third reading of Encampment Ordinance.
- . Third reading of rezoning of property at Southwest Parkway and Wier Hills Road.
- . Add chapter to City Code for promotion and protection of trees on public property.
- . Ordinance exempting Barton Creek Wilderness Park and Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan lands from the Art in Public Places Program.
- . Supply agreement for flexible base material.
- . Supply agreement for sandy loam/topsoil.

Items Approved

The following items were approved by Council within the last few weeks:

- . Appointments to Arts Commission (Maxine Barkan) and Central City Entertainment Center Advisory Board (Alta Ochiltree).
- . Modification to Traffic Ordinance to install 20 mph pedestrian zone on Barton Springs Road in Zilker Park.
- . Execution of promissory notes for Central City Entertainment Center, and submission of financing plan to Texas Attorney General for approval.

Items Approved by Council continued:

- . Establishment of non-profit corporation for Central City Entertainment Center.
- . Purchase of vehicles for various City Departments, including PARD.
- . Change Order for Shoal Creek flood repair construction contract.
- . Payment to Austin Independent School district for meal preparation for Senior Support Services Program.
- . Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Austin State School for use of Aquadome for swimming classes.
- . Miniature train concession contract.
- . Change order to construction contract for Parque Zaragoza Recreation Center for gymnasium divider curtain and cabinetry.
- . Second reading of Encampment Ordinance.
- . Land use agreements at Town Lake and Gaines Creek parkland and right-of-way at South Austin Senior Activity Center.

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
ANNUAL REPORT 1994-95**

1. OFFICIAL NAME OF THE COMMISSION

Austin Parks and Recreation Board

2. OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS

To advise the Austin City Council and City Manager on matters pertaining to the acquisition, development, sound management, maintenance and use of parks, recreational facilities and leisure services owned or controlled by the City of Austin.

3. AUTHORITY

Created February 8, 1934, City Code, Volume a, Chapter 24, Article II, Section 24-3; amended March 15, 1951, Ordinance No. 590604-F; amended further by Ordinance No. 771013-O, Ordinance No. 780223-F, and Ordinance No. 780223-G.

4. NAMES, ADDRESSES, OCCUPATIONS AND ETHNICITY OF THE CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

<u>Names and Address</u>	<u>Ethnicity and Sex</u>
a. Ron Cartlidge, Vice Chair 1802 Woodland Avenue (41) Business: Mendez Middle School	WM
b. Rosemary L. Castleberry 2719 Windsor Rd. (03) Business: Self-employed	WF
c. Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Secretary/ Parliamentarian 2714-B Parker Ln. (41) Business: Betania Child Development Center	HF
d. Marianne Scott Dwight 2108 Glendale Place (04) Business: Committee Director/General Counsel; Senate Committee on Health and Human Services	WF
e. Phil Friday, Chair 1207 W. 10th. Street (03) Business: Attorney	WM
f. Mary K. Isaacs 4816 Canyonbend Circle (35) Business: Educator	WF

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| g. | Ricardo Rocky Medrano
1408 Vargas Rd. (41)
Business: Constable | HM |
| h. | Hermelinda Zamarripa
Caswell Ave. (03)
Business: Employee Clerk | HF |

Members Emeritus:

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|---------------------------------------------------|----|
| Mrs. Roberta Crenshaw
2515 El Greco Cove (03) | WF |
| Mrs. Ruth D. Isley
(no Austin address) | WF |
| Mrs. Margaret Scarbrough
Scarbrough Bldg. (03) | WF |
| Mrs. Louise Nivison
3600 Greystone #511 (31) | WF |

5. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE DEPARTMENT FROM OCTOBER 1994 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1995, INCLUDING BOARD POLICIES

October 1994

The Board recommended to Council that the City should provide additional youth athletics fields in all sports where there is unserved need, including girls' fast-pitch softball and the Parks and Recreation Department should be given time to explore all options to serve the needs of girls' fast-pitch softball, including options already proposed; use of Bergstrom softball fields on a temporary or permanent basis; and fast-tracking Montopolis Sports Complex.

The Board and staff concurred to recommend to Council approval that on a temporary basis until a permanent location could be found, the girls' fast-pitch program could continue to use Williams Field and have access to all currently unscheduled time on one or both Butler Fields on a reduced rental basis provided funds for the rentals do not come from existing Parks and Recreation budgets. The Board also requested the Council look at the Bergstrom fields as permanent locations to reduce overcrowding of other softball facilities.

November 1994

The Board concurred with staff to recommend to Council approval of the Austin Transportation Plan and that in regards to the Austin Transportation Plan the Department would address recommendations as they impact park and recreation issues.

The Board recommended to Council the Department continue the ban on jet skis during certain holiday periods on Lake Austin, that is Memorial Day, Labor Day, and July Fourth.

The Board adopted the Barton Springs Maintenance resolution (see attachment).

December 1994

The Board concurred with staff to recommend to Council approval of the Department recommendation in regards to the additional funding for Parque Zaragoza Recreation Center.

The Board adopted the New Multi Sport and Soccer Complex resolution (see attachment).

January 1995

The Board concurred with staff to recommend to Council approval of changes in ordinances regulating aquatics.

The Board recommended to Council to award the contract to Mr. Howard Barnett of the Zilker Canoe Rental.

February 1995

The Board recommended to Council approval of the proposed Public Tree Care Ordinance and related revision of the Land Development Code.

The Board concurred with staff to recommend to Council approval of codifying the enforcement powers of Park Police.

The Board concurred with staff to recommend to Council approval regarding improved equipment, staffing, and salary ranges for Park Police with strong emphasis on equal salary ranges first, improved equipment second, and staffing third.

The Board concurred with staff to recommend to Council approval of a 0.16 acre sanitary sewer Use Agreement at Walnut Creek Metropolitan Park.

The Board concurred with staff to recommend to Council approval of the proposed amendment to the agreement with Aqua Festival for 1995 event.

The Board recommended to Council that in the event the Parks and Recreation Department is asked to manage the Central City Entertainment Center, it should receive full additional funding for operation, maintenance, and debt and services that its responsibility should not impact its existing operations.

The Board recommended to Council that, regarding the Barton Creek Community Agreement, they would only be concerned with the parkland aspects of the agreement.

March 1995

The Board recommended to Council approval of Alternate Route #2 regarding the reconstruction of Holly Street Plant transmission lines, with the Electric Department looking into the feasibility of shifting the route off of Haskell St. as proposed. If Council chose to use Alternative Route #1, the Board would want to have every bit of the proposed mitigation done and possibly even more.

The Board adopted the revised "Guidelines for Recommending Name for City Parks and Recreational Facilities."

The Board concurred with staff to recommend to Council approval of the increase in fees for the Zilker Eagle and the extension of the concession contract as recommended by staff.

The Board concurred with staff to recommend to Council approval of the proposed Interlocal Agreement with Travis County and Texas Forest Service for aerial mapping of diseased trees.

April 1995

The Board recommended to Council to exclude sanctioned, organized adult league play on parkland (games or practice) from the alcohol ban in the proposed area (Area 3) and the other two already approved areas.

The Board recommended to Council and the Planning Commission the following 1996 City of Austin Capital Improvement Program (CIP) recommendations:

- support the Parks and Recreation Department's proposed 1995-96 Capital Improvement Plan which includes the sale of \$19,213,000 in authorized but unissued bonds for seven projects meeting contractual commitments and expansion needs, and the appropriation of \$591,000 in CIP Interest to replace nine aging playscapes.

- support the Parks and Recreation Department's proposed new projects requiring voter approval in the 1995 Bond Election. The Parks Board also recommends the addition of the following projects:

Colorado River Park Development (\$5,500,000) - construct park improvements to serve southeast Austin neighborhoods, including infrastructure and roads serving the park.

Trails and Greenways (\$20,000,000) - develop a system of regional trails, as recommended by the Austin Trails Council. This proposal is intended to supplement the proposed PARD Greenbelt Acquisition and Development project requiring \$5,000,000.

Dittmar Recreation Center Expansion (\$2,000,000) - enlarge the small South Austin recreation center at Dittmar Park, which is unable to serve the growing need for services.

Montopolis Recreation Center Expansion (\$2,000,000) - add capacity to an older, crowded recreation center serving the youth of Montopolis.

Southland Oaks Neighborhood Park (\$150,000) - Phase I development of new City park in far south Austin.

Town Lake Navigation Barrier Removal (\$500,000) - remove sandbars and obstructions, which limit recreational activities and create navigational hazards on Town Lake.

The Board concurred with staff to recommend to Council approval of a 0.268 acre permanent use agreement and an 0.262 acre temporary use agreement in the Walnut Creek/Colorado River Greenbelt.

The Board recommended to Council that Palm and St. John's pool not be closed this year since they have already been budgeted for this year; however; they do recommend they close Palm Pool next year and to begin this process during the upcoming budget process.

The Board recommended to Council not to convert the softball fields in the Havins Complex in Walnut Creek Park to baseball fields. The Board strongly recommends the pursuit of additional softball and baseball fields for the citizens of Austin.

May 1995

The Board concurred with staff to recommend to Water and Wastewater Utility Department approval of a new building to house both the lift station improvements and the train station with PARD reviewing and approving the building designs prior to construction to ensure compatibility with the Zilker Park environment.

The Board recommended the following recommendations to Council regarding the BCCP Shared Vision and revised BCCP "Shared Vision" Community Conservation Plan Working Group's motions:

Recommendations Regarding the Report of
the Community Conservation Plan Working Group (BCCP)

On May 9, 1995, The Parks and Recreation Board was asked to make recommendations regarding various Motions approved by the Community Conservation Plan Working Group on April 4, 1995, pertaining to the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan (BCCP).

The Parks Board makes the following recommendations:

MOTION #2: "Encourage mitigation measures that will contribute to the completion of the already-defined preserve system."

The Parks Board supports this Motion. The lands of the preserve system should be as contiguous as possible, and should not be fragmented.

MOTION #11: "...other governmental entities... (should) carry out the responsibilities of a managing partner in specific preserve property... .. (and adhere to) minimum management responsibilities where the Golden-cheeked Warbler..."

The Parks Board believes that, although it is appropriate that the City of Austin should pay management costs associated with public use (MOTION #10), the City should not have to pay for habitat management out of its General Fund. Austin taxpayers have already contributed \$22,000,000.00 plus interest toward preserve acquisition, portions of which are reserved exclusively for habitat. Species preservation costs should be paid out of participation fees voluntarily paid by developers who might expect to benefit directly from participation.

OTHER MOTIONS: The Parks Board takes no position the remaining Motions.

The Board adopted the following recommendation as an Attendance Policy for Board Members:

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN

Attendance Policy

Austin City Code, Section 2-4-3, "Removal of members for failure to attend meetings," reads as follows:

"Uniform attendance at meetings by all members of council appointed boards, commissions and committees is required. Any member who misses three (3) consecutive regular meetings or misses one-third of all regular meetings in a twelve-month time period, except for health reasons, in both instances shall be ineligible to continue serving and his or her vacancy shall be filled by the city council. Attendance records shall be kept by the chairperson or his designate of each board, commission or committee with a report to the city council whenever the need for a new appointment occurs."

The PARD Staff Liaison shall record the attendance or non-attendance of each Board Member after every meeting, and shall attach a copy of the attendance record to the Agenda of each Board meeting. ("PARD Staff Liaison" shall mean that member of the Parks and Recreation Department staff who is assigned to act as liaison between the Department and the Board, and the PARD Staff Liaison shall act as the designate of the Chairperson of the Board for purposes of Section 2-4-3.)

In the event any Member fails to attend the number of meetings required by Section 2-4-3 (or its successor), without excuse recognized by Section 2-4-3, the PARD Staff Liaison shall, without the necessity of any action by the Board, notify the Member in question, the City Clerk and the Chairman of the Board of such failure; and the Member shall thereupon be ineligible to continue serving.

In order to be effective, any excuse based upon health reasons must be communicated to the PARD Staff Liaison no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Monday immediately preceding the Board meeting next-following the meeting from which the Member was absent.

As used in Section 2-4-3, "twelve-month time period" shall mean the twelve-month period beginning on the date of each Member's appointment, and each twelve-month period thereafter.

This policy shall become effective commencing with the Board Meeting held May 9, 1995.

The Board concurred with staff to recommend to Council approval of Use Agreements for detention pond, inundation, sanitary sewer, and temporary access in Bartholomew Park.

The Board recommended to the Department the following policy regarding Special Events in Pease Park:

"No events larger than group picnics will be allowed in Pease Park due to the lack of adequate facilities, provide that any events held in the year preceding this policy will continue to be allowed or grandfathered."

June 1995

The Board concurred with staff to recommend to Council approval of Use Agreement for permanent sanitary sewer in Jimmy Clay Golf Course.

The Board concurred with staff to recommend to Council approval of the proposed Special Events Policy with specific recommendations made by the Board.

The Board concurred with staff to recommend to Council approval of Use Agreements for fiber optic cable according to the Greater Austin Area Telecommunications Network (GAATN).

July 1995

The Board recommended to Council approval of the proposed Encampment Ordinance.

August 1995

The Board recommended to Council that the policy be changed on block 11 at the Austin Memorial Cemetery so as to permit upright or flat stones, but that the property owners on block 11 be notified of this recommendation before the matter is taken up by Council.

The Board concurred with staff to recommend to Council approval of the renaming of Austin Nature Center to Austin Nature and Science Center.

The Board concurred with staff to recommend to Council approval of .566 ac. permanent drainage use agreement for water quality pond in Gillis Park.

The Board recommended to the Department the following policy regarding Special Events in Zilker Park:

"No more concert-type events involving more than 2,000 people should be scheduled in Zilker Park for the calendar year 1995."

The Board adopted the Water Quality Facilities in Parkland resolution (see attachment)

The Board recommended to Council to approve the City Manager's proposed 1995-96 Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) budget. The Board calls on City Council to recognize the urgent need for additional funding for PARD to counteract the deterioration caused by deferred maintenance and to move Park Police closer to parity in funding with the Austin Police Department. Furthermore, the Board further strongly recommends that Pioneer Farm's funding be reinstated with monies outside the PARD budget.

The Board concurred with staff to recommend to Council approval of a use agreement for a 12" wastewater main through Dick Nichols Park.

The Board recommended to Council approval of the proposed Austin Bicycle Plan.

September 1995

The Board endorsed the Public Works' recommendation regarding proposed changes for better traffic control on Barton Springs Road through Zilker Park and approved recommending it to Council.

The Board recommended to Council that "Swede Hill Park" be maintained as a park.

Resolutions

Adopted three (3) resolutions. (See Attachments)

6. NUMBERS OF MEETINGS HELD

21

7. ATTENDANCE

(see attached sheets)

8. NUMBER OF PUBLIC HEARINGS HELD

Four (4) Public Hearings were held by the Board and they took public comment at numerous other occasions.

9. NAVIGATION

The Parks and Recreation Board acted on 27 navigation items.

10. EXPENSE

\$ 21,004.77 Total

This includes \$ 104.86 for postage; \$ 29.78 for office supplies;
\$ 670.53 for photocopying; and \$ 20,199.60 for staff.

11. CITY PERSONNEL WHO REGULARLY ASSIST THE COMMISSION

- a. Michael J. Heitz, Director, Parks and Recreation
- b. Jesus M. Olivares, Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation
- c. Jody Hamilton, Community Services Manager, Parks and Recreation
- d. Heather Griffith-Peterson, Division Manager, Management Services
- e. Tana Goodwill, Concessions Contract Manager, Management Services
- f. Ray Lopez, Division Manager, Programs
- g. Stuart Strong, Principal Planner, Planning and Design
- h. Peter Marsh, Engineering Associate II, Planning and Design
- i. Sandra Chipley, Park Development Coordinator, Planning and Design
- j. Donna Bohls, Administrative Assistant III, Planning and Design
- k. Dolores R. Posada, Administrative Assistant I

12. FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD WHICH ARE DUPLICATED BY ANY OTHER COMMISSION

There are no other boards that duplicate the functions of the Parks and Recreation Board.

13. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Parks and Recreation Board very strongly recommends that the Board be continued as we feel it is a very vital liaison between the community and the City Council in matters involving parks and recreation services for the citizens of Austin.

1994-95 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD GOALS
BY COMMITTEE

Concessions Committee

1. Review Concessions Ordinance and Policy, and recommend changes to City Council if necessary.

Ad Hoc Concessions Committee Membership

Doug Johnston

Land and Facilities Committee

1. Advocate significant increase in funding for maintenance in 1995-96 Budget.
2. Advocate fast-track completion of Colorado River Park.
3. Advocate increase in number of youth athletic fields for all sports in which there is unmet community needs.
4. Advocate increase in number of soccer fields to meet community needs.
5. Advocate continued PARD management of BCCP lands, and maximization of public access to BCCP lands, consistent with environmental requirements.
6. Continue to review in phases all parks projects of significant public interest, including concept, schematic and design development phases, if necessary.
7. Continue to follow status of all facilities and land acquisition projects approved by voters in 1992 bond election.
8. Advocate development of Zilker Loop Trail.
9. Promote connection among trails and greenbelts.

Land and Facilities Committee Membership
1994-95

Doug Johnston, Chair
Marianne Dwight
Mary K. Isaacs

Navigation Committee

1. Monitor the number of water craft on Town Lake (third year) to have information for planning and safety.
2. Continue working for the removal of safety hazards in Town Lake, Lake Austin and Lake Walter E. Long (on-going).
3. Work to remove problems of congestion, both parking and boat traffic, at Walsh Boat Landing ramp on Lake Austin (continuation).
4. Act on and approve/disapprove all applications for construction and/or repair of boat docks and retaining walls that may come before the committee.
5. Work to improve trash removal from Town Lake and Lake Austin.

Navigation Committee Membership 1994-95

Ron Cartlidge, Chair
Phil Friday

Program Subcommittee

1. The Programs Subcommittee will become more involved and support:
 - * City Council's number one priority, youth, families and neighborhood vitality.
 - * Parks and Recreation Department budget issues.
 - * Volunteer at special events.
 - * Work more closely with PARD Advisory Boards and Support Groups.
2. The Programs Subcommittee will assist the Parks and Recreation Department in creating a mechanism for a formal reporting structure that will:
 - * Create/standardize guidelines for the operation of all advisory boards and support groups.
 - * Establish a reporting structure outlining working relationships with representatives of all advisory boards.
 - * Establish a formal organization chart outlining the Parks and Recreation reporting structure.

PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE 1994-95 GOALS END OF THE YEAR REPORT

GOAL #1

THE PROGRAMS SUBCOMMITTEE WILL BECOME MORE INVOLVED AND SUPPORT:

- * CITY COUNCIL'S NUMBER ONE PRIORITY, YOUTH, FAMILIES AND NEIGHBORHOOD VITALITY.
- * PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT BUDGET ISSUES.
- * SUPPORT STAFF IN THEIR ENDEAVORS AND EXPECT THE SAME IN RETURN.
- * VOLUNTEER AT SPECIAL EVENTS.
- * WORK MORE CLOSELY WITH PARD ADVISORY BOARDS AND SUPPORT GROUPS.

* City Council's number one priority. Youth, Families and Neighborhood Vitality.

We have and will continue to support City Council's number one priority by keeping actively involved in Council issues that pertain to Parks and Recreation. This goal was achieved through:

- * the study of issues coming before the City Council
- * working with PARD staff to address issues coming before the Council for action
- * visits with Council members and their aides
- * appearing before the Council on items related to PARD issues.

*** Parks and Recreation Department budget issues.**

There was an overall commitment by staff to include the subcommittee and Board in discussions of budget issues, as well as, requests for input into the budget process. It was generally felt that the Board does provide relevant and strong support to the Department if it is involved in the budget preparation process. By this involvement, the Programs Subcommittee was then able to aid the Department in framing recommendations regarding Park Police, park management, bond expenditures, and programming decisions during the year.

*** Support staff in their endeavors and expect the same in return.**

Staff support to the Programs Subcommittee this past year continues to be thorough and very helpful. Communication was accomplished through regular committee meetings and regular tours of facilities and programs. In return the subcommittee was able to discuss with staff, Community and Board concerns, and offer suggestions on how they might be addressed.

*** Volunteer at Special Events.**

Each Subcommittee member has taken his/her turn in volunteering and/or participating at PARD events, such as: Yule Fest, Cinco de Mayo, and Diez y Seis, Recreation Center and Park programs, Senior Citizen activities and Youth events. PARD staff continues to notify Board Members regarding special events and enlisting their help as volunteers.

*** Work more closely with PARD Advisory Boards and support groups.**

The subcommittee still recommends that a commitment be made to communicate and work with representatives from Recreation Center Advisory Boards, other Program Advisory Boards and Support Groups. This group should meet on a quarterly basis and make regular reports to the Parks Board. Steps have been taken to reach this recommendation in the next calendar year. Advisory Boards and/or their representatives have come before the Board on several occasions to discuss concerns and ask for assistance.

GOAL #2

THE PROGRAMS SUBCOMMITTEE WILL ASSIST THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT IN CREATING A MECHANISM FOR A FORMAL REPORTING STRUCTURE THAT WILL:

- * CREATE/STANDARDIZE GUIDELINES FOR THE OPERATION OF ALL ADVISORY BOARDS AND SUPPORT GROUPS.
- * ESTABLISH A REPORTING STRUCTURE OUTLINING WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL ADVISORY BOARDS.
- * ESTABLISH A FORMAL ORGANIZATION CHART OUTLINING THE PARKS AND RECREATION REPORTING STRUCTURE.

* Create/Standardize guidelines for the operation of all Advisory Boards and Support Groups.

A draft of Advisory Board guidelines has been reviewed by the Programs Subcommittee and has been presented to the full Parks Board. Staff and all advisory groups have reviewed and discussed these guidelines and given input for changes. A public hearing is scheduled at the beginning of the new fiscal year for final changes and clarification of these guidelines.

* Establish a reporting structure outlining working relationships with representatives of all advisory boards.

The Program Subcommittee requested that the Department make presentations to the Parks Board on information from all department divisions. The goal was accomplished by presentations and compilation of a Board Handbook received at the 1994 Board retreat. Presentations were given at many regular Board meetings throughout the year. In addition, the Board has received on a monthly basis, reports on PARD issues coming before the Council as well as action taken by the Council on these issues.

* Establish a formal organization chart outlining the Parks and Recreation reporting structure.

At the 1994 Parks Board retreat the Department presented an organizational chart clarifying this structure. This document can be found in the 1994 Parks Board Handbook.

Programs Committee Membership
1994-95

Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Chair
Rosemary Castleberry
Rocky Medrano
Marianne Dwight

**1995-96 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD GOALS
BY COMMITTEE**

CONCESSIONS COMMITTEE

GOAL #1

Review Concessions Ordinance and Policy, and recommend changes to City Council if necessary.

Ad Hoc Concessions Committee Membership

Mary K. Isaacs

LAND AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

GOAL #1

Advocate significant increase in funding for maintenance in 1995-96 Budget.

GOAL #2

Advocate fast-track completion of Colorado River Park.

GOAL #3

Advocate increase in number of youth athletic fields for all sports in which there is unmet community needs.

GOAL #4

Advocate increase in number of soccer fields to meet community needs.

GOAL #5

Advocate continued PARD management of BCCP lands, and maximization of public access to BCCP lands, consistent with environmental requirements.

GOAL #6

Continue to review in phases all parks projects of significant public interest, including concept, schematic and design development phases, if necessary.

GOAL #7

Continue to follow status of all facilities and land acquisition projects approved by voters in 1992 bond election.

GOAL #8

Advocate development of Zilker Loop Trail.

GOAL #9

Promote connection among trails and greenbelts.

GOAL #10

Advocate appropriate development of the Barton Creek Wilderness Park.

Land and Facilities Committee Membership
1995-96

Mary K. Isaacs, Chair
Phil Friday

NAVIGATION COMMITTEE

GOAL #1

Monitor the number of water craft on Town Lake (fourth year) to have information for planning and safety.

GOAL #2

Continue working for the removal of safety hazards in Town Lake, Lake Austin and Lake Walter E. Long (on-going). Add signage for Bee Creek and mileage markers for the entire distance of Lake Austin.

GOAL #3

Work to remove problems of congestion, both parking and boat traffic, at Walsh Boat Landing ramp on Lake Austin.

GOAL #4

Act on and approve/disapprove all applications for construction and/or repair of boat docks and retaining walls that may come before the committee.

GOAL #5

Work to improve trash removal from Town Lake and Lake Austin.

Navigation Committee Membership
1995-96

Ron Cartlidge, Chair
Phil Friday

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

GOAL #1

THE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE TO BE INVOLVED WITH PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT BUDGET ISSUES BY:

- * Working with the Programs Division to enhance intergenerational activities
- * Assisting with the establishment of a Citywide Amateur Boxing Program
- * Continue to advocate for parity for Park Police and for upgrading of out of date equipment
- * Support new programming for an expanding population
- * Work with the Department on the 1996-97 City budget

GOAL #2

THE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE WILL BECOME MORE INVOLVED AND SUPPORT:

- * City Council's number one priority, Youth, Families and Neighborhood vitality as it relates to the Parks and Recreation Department.
- * By volunteering at special events.
- * Work closely with PARD advisory boards and other support groups by participating with their activities.

GOAL #3

THE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE WILL ASSIST THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT IN CONTINUING ITS WORK ON GUIDELINES FOR A FORMAL REPORTING STRUCTURE THAT:

- * Create standardized guidelines for the operation of all Advisory Boards under the jurisdiction of the Parks Department.
- * Provide for a method of input from the Citizens involved with these groups by holding Public Hearing.
- * Establish a reporting structure that outlines working relationships and accountability of these groups with representatives advisory boards.

**Programs Committee Membership
1995-96**

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December 5, 1995

Mr. Phil Friday, Chair
Parks and Recreation Board
City of Austin
PO Box 1088
Austin, Texas 78767

Dear Mr. Friday and Parks Board Members:

I am writing to inform you of additional revisions to the Austin Bicycle Plan, Part 1. I think we are nearing finalization of the draft and I sincerely hope to be on the January 11 City Council agenda to set a public hearing on the plan.

I am enclosing the specific changes that have been made since I last wrote. The document wording is now clearer, avoids setting specific percentages for funding, and acknowledges concerns raised by the City Industry Council and the Real Estate Council of Austin. I have also discussed the plan with our city attorney, so I think we are nearing finalization.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call 1-800-998-8735.

Sincerely,

Frederick (Rick) A. Waring, RN, MPAff.
Bicycle Program Coordinator

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION

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Bicycle Network Design

- Adopt an ordinance stating that all roadways not legally prohibited to bicycles should be designed to accommodate them. (Objective 5.0.1, page 30)
- Create a bi-level bikeway system to accommodate all bicyclists in Austin, one level for Group A and a second level for Group B/C cyclists. (Objective 5.4.2.1, page 34)
- On-street parking in bike lanes is incompatible. The bicycle program coordinator will evaluate existing and proposed bike lanes, to determine, with neighborhood input, which use has greatest priority. (Objective 5.4.2.2, page 34)

Street Cross-Sections

- New Construction — Provide standard street cross sections that provide additional width for bicycles – 14 feet (or more) outside lanes for arterials (Group A), bike lanes for collectors (Group B/C). Review and revise the standard cross sections of streets, speed limits, and allowed on-street parking, to provide adequate space and conditions to accommodate bicycles. (Objective 5.6.1.0, page 43)
- Retrofit existing roadways to accommodate bicycles. (Objective 5.8.0.1, page 51)

Traffic Controls and Markings

- Provide consistent and easily followed route markings for all bicycle routes. (Objective 5.10.1, page 59)

Neighborhood Traffic Management

- Reduce the quantity and speeds of traffic in Austin neighborhoods with traffic management techniques. (Objective 5.12.1, page 62)

Process for Inclusion of Bicycle Facilities

- Institutionalize bicycle transportation into all city roadway and park land transportation design, planning and construction manuals, standards documents and projects. Amend the Subdivision Ordinance to require adequate right-of-way and pavement widths to accommodate bicycles in all new developments. all arterials or collectors required for Group B/C users, or separate paths, if appropriate The City shall offer incentives to developers based on the costs associated with provision of additional right-of-way and construction requirements (Objective 6.0.1, page 63)
- Require Urban Transportation Commission review and City Council approval of amendments to the Bicycle Plan. (Objective 6.0.2, page 64)

Bicycle Parking

- Provide adequate bicycle parking for current and future users. (Objective 7.0.1, page 66)
- Update bicycle parking definitions in City manuals and documents to meet current standards. (Objective 7.0.2, page 66)

Transit

- Integrate and coordinate the two modes of transportation. (Objective 8.0.1, page 67)
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- Revise the City Code to require the highest level of security (Type I bicycle lockers or security guard or locked rooms) or bicycle parking spaces at public transportation facilities.

3.1.7 Objective: Create and administer a Spot Improvement Program to reduce roadway hazards and provide quick response to citizen bicyclist needs.

- As part of the bicycle program, create a structure for bicyclists or other concerned citizens to report hazardous or inconvenient situations that require immediate attention or maintenance by telephone or request card.

3.1.8 Objective: Provide educational programs to improve cycling safety.

- Actively and regularly promote the use of helmets by all cyclists.
- Coordinate community requests for bicycle education with experienced bicycle educators in the community.
- Encourage community organizations and school programs to offer on-bicycle training as part of their curriculum.
- Offer bicycle education courses as an alternative to bicycle traffic citations.
- Encourage and coordinate bicycle safety training for local traffic enforcement officers.
- Include bicycle education material in local defensive driving courses and driver manuals.

3.1.9 Objective: Regularly collect and maintain local bicycling data.

- Coordinate with the Austin Police Department, Travis County Sheriff's Department, University of Texas Police Department, and Texas Department of Public Safety to implement better accident reporting procedures for bicycle accidents including age of cyclist involved, date of the accident, time of day, accident location, injury severity, types of vehicles involved, directions of travel, estimated speeds, and accident causal factors.
- Compile and analyze accident information provided by the Austin Police Department, Travis County Sheriff's Department, University of Texas Police Department, and Texas Department of Public Safety in order to determine locations that most need improvements or enforcement to reduce accident rates for bicyclists.
- Maintain bicycle traffic violation data including type of violation, location, age of cyclist, and penalty.
- Coordinate with the Department of Public Works and Transportation and the Texas Department of Transportation to include bicycles in all traffic counts, traffic models, and transportation surveys in the area.
- Maintain bicycle use data including regularly monitored bicycle counts and periodic bicycle trip studies.

3.1.10 Objective: Pursue local, state, Federal, and private funds for bicycle-compatible improvement projects and programs.

- Austin's transportation funding could be extended dramatically when used as matching funds for available federal and state highway funds.
- Require bicycle access to be provided as part of roadway and land development projects through developer dedication of right of way, and construction of lane widths to accommodate both bicycles and automobiles. The City of Austin should offer incentives to developers for compliance with this requirement.

- Target specific bicycle funds for projects that remove barriers to continuous bicycle travel with first priority given to group A commuter routes, second priority given to other high use routes, and third priority for connecting neighborhoods with local streets.

3.2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Austin is known for active public input including bicycle planning and implementation issues. There needs to be an active forum for bicycle and other non-motorized transportation input. Austin would benefit from the experiences of other cities who consistently involve their citizens in transportation.

One forum for public input would be a subcommittee of the Urban Transportation Commission, dealing with pedestrian and bicycle transportation issues. This subcommittee could provide regular public hearings on proposed bikeway amendments including exemption requests and changes to the streets in the bicycle system. Without compelling reasons to omit them, bicycle and pedestrian access should be included in all transportation projects. The Commission should ensure that the bicycle network is completed as planned in order to promote bicycle transportation in Austin. This would emphasize the integration of bicycling into the regular transportation system in Austin.

A Bicycle Citizens' Advisory Council (BAC) has been created and should be continued to provide guidance and advice to the bicycle program coordinator on issues of importance to the cycling community. Membership on this committee/council should be informal and open to all interested citizens of Austin.

3.2.1 Objective: Establish a Bicycle/Pedestrian or Alternative Modes Subcommittee of Urban Transportation Commission

The Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee on the Urban Transportation Commission, in concert with the bicycle program coordinator, will contribute to the integration of bicycle planning. The Subcommittee should be composed of members of the Urban Transportation Commission. The bicycle program coordinator should head the staff for the subcommittee, and additional staff support members should come from each of the governmental agencies dealing with transportation.

The subcommittee provides policy direction for the bicycle program coordinator. The subcommittee/coordinator combination provides continuity during changes in personnel. Turnover on the subcommittee is smoothed by the ongoing presence of the coordinator and vice versa. A subcommittee or bicycle advisory committee is critical in organizing the necessary public support to implement bicycle programs. Without ongoing public support and involvement, even the best bicycle plan is likely to remain on the shelf.

- A subcommittee for Bicycles and Pedestrians of the Urban Transportation Commission should be created, and provided with staff support from the bicycle program coordinator and all agencies involved in transportation.
- The subcommittee should review all requests to deviate or change Plan recommendations for bicycle facilities. Once reviewed and voted on by the full Urban Transportation Commission, these amendments to the Bicycle Plan must then be approved by the City Council.

6.0 PROCESS FOR INCLUSION OF BICYCLE FACILITIES

In most planning and construction efforts, bicyclists' needs are not adequately considered. Parks and roadways are often built without the simple considerations that would allow bicycle access and parking, causing bicycles either to be excluded or hindered. To accommodate bicycles after construction often requires costly retro-fitting, sometimes resulting in a non-standard and inferior design solution.

Since bicycles are legal vehicles that have considerable economic, environmental, and societal benefits, all arterials and collectors are part of the bicycle transportation network. All arterials will be designed and built to include either a wide curb lane if only Group A cyclists will use the street, or bike lanes if the route will be used by both Group A and Group B/C cyclists. Collectors should be designed to include bike lanes to accommodate Group B/C riders. The directness available only on corridors with arterials and collectors is vital to providing an efficient multi-modal transportation system. If cyclists are forced to take circuitous routes through neighborhoods, many will choose other modes of transportation.

Lack of review of bicycle facilities as they are planned can result in building paths and other facilities that are inadequate, difficult to maintain, or do not age well. Designing the facilities in coordination with those who maintain them can avoid expensive maintenance or lack of maintenance problems.

Each set of construction documents is held to specific standards. Some of these standards are unique to the particular authority involved. Other standards, handicapped access for example, are applied to all projects by Federal regulation. Added to the inherent complication of design documents, consideration of bicycle provisions as a routine part of the procedure for producing plans and construction documents is difficult to ensure. As a result, bicycle facilities are not provided uniformly and even existing bicycle facilities do not comply consistently with established standards.

Because the planned network will provide only the minimum spacing and number of facilities to provide basic mobility for bicyclists, the deletion of any roadway from the network should be done with the utmost care and only if alternative facilities can be provided. *For this reason engineer-only approved "deviations" should not be allowed. Changes to network facilities should only be allowed through a public process including Urban Transportation Commission review and City Council approval. These changes would be considered amendments to the Bicycle Plan.*

6.0.1 Objective: Institutionalize bicycle transportation into all roadway and park land transportation design, planning, and construction manuals, standards documents, and projects.

- Adopt an ordinance stating that all roadways not legally prohibited to bicycles should be designed to accommodate them.
- Establish a "Check-off for Bikes" procedure for all design and construction planning of roadways, subdivisions, parks and greenbelts, with review by the bicycle program

coordinator for bicycle access and travel continuity as part of all construction projects, the Austin Metropolitan Area Transportation Plan, the Transportation Improvement Plan and the land development and site plan review process.

- Authorize the City Bicycle Program Coordinator to review all City and applicable private development plans that add to or effect the operation of bicycle facilities. Include the Bicycle Program Coordinator in the review process of subdivision review, applications to vacate rights-of-way and exceptions or variances to these.
- Amend the Subdivision Ordinance to include provision of adequate right-of-way and roadway construction to provide 14' to 16' wide curb lanes on all arterials, 4 to 6' bike lanes on all arterials or collectors required for Group B/C users, or separate paths as needed. The City shall offer incentives to developers based on the costs associated with provision of additional right-of-way and construction requirements. (see Tables I-6, pages 46 - 48 for roadway design treatments).
- Require City engineers, planners, and other professionals involved in the design or review of subdivisions and roadways to have completed an approved "Bicycle Planning and Facilities Design" course.
- Design and construction standards and codes for roadways for the Austin region should be revised to accommodate bicycle use.
- New developments will benefit from well designed transportation facilities that include bicycles and pedestrians. A 1995 national survey of 2,300 recent or potential buyers found that 93% want quiet, low traffic conditions, 77% want ample open space, and 74% want walking and biking paths. Developers should be provided incentives to provide bicycle facilities including connections between the development and other neighborhoods and commercial areas.

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6.0.2 Objective: Require Urban Transportation Commission review and City Council approval of amendments to the Bicycle Plan, such as exemptions to adequate widths for bicycles on proposed roadway construction or other changes to the roadways in the Plan.

- Engineer-only approved deviations do not allow adequate input from all users of the roadway, and may result in more fragmentation of the bicycle transportation system.
- Bicycle facilities should have the same consideration as motor vehicle facilities, and should not be casually dismissed.

10.0 FUNDING

Regular ongoing sources of funding are as important for bicycle transportation as for motorized transportation. Without regular sources of funding, the planned bikeway system cannot be completed nor regular maintenance provided; access and safety will be compromised, bikeways will become clogged with road debris and bicycle route signs will become unreadable.

10.1 LOCAL FUNDING ALTERNATIVES

Sources of funding for bikeways are critical to the completion and maintenance of a safe, functional bicycle transportation system. There are a number of alternative methods of funding that can be utilized. One is to allocate, on a project by project basis, sufficient funding for provision and/or maintenance of bicycle facilities. Average annual overall percentages designated in other cities and states for bicycle transportation projects range between 1 and 5 percent. A second alternative is to require developers to provide appropriate facilities that meet current standards and guidelines for bicycles in all new developments. A third alternative, particularly for CIP projects funded prior to adoption of this plan, is new voter approved bonds which can be used independently or as a match to acquire state and federal grants.

10.1.1 Objective: Provide consistent and on-going funding for bicycle transportation.

- The City of Austin shall include in all transportation planning and design estimates, as well as actual construction costs, an appropriate amount of funding for bicycle facilities. This objective is intended to insure that bicycle facilities are included as part of the overall transportation system maintenance and development. Appropriate funding for each project will be determined using current standards and guidelines for the development of bicycle facilities, and state laws as they apply to bicycling. Sources of funding include, but are not limited to, future transportation related capital improvement project funds, federal funds such as ISTEA, and the Transportation User Fee. In addition, active funding support from other agencies in the community, like that offered by Capital Metro Transit Authority in its Build Greater Austin Fund Program, will be pursued.

10.1.2 Objective: Provide adequate funding to include bicycle facilities in all new development.

- Bikeway standards should be an integral part of ordinances for new developments. New developments should be required, through amended Subdivision Ordinance (see Section 6.0.1), to provide pavement widths for either bike lanes, wide curb lanes or bicycle paths, whichever is determined to be appropriate. In addition, provision of bicycle parking and links to bikeways should be provided, where necessary. Incentives to developers based on costs related to these improvements shall be offered by the city.